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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 388

Offered February 27, 2018

Commending Marybeth Haneline.

Patrons—Plum; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, Marybeth Haneline, a dedicated volunteer and passionate supporter of the maker community, was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2018 Best of Reston Award; and

WHEREAS, the Best of Reston awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to helping others and improving the lives of people throughout the greater Reston area, such as Marybeth Haneline; and

WHEREAS, as president of Nova Labs, a Reston-based makerspace, Marybeth Haneline has worked tirelessly with business representatives, technical leaders, and students to promote the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the local community; and

WHEREAS, promoting the artisan spirit of maker culture, Marybeth Haneline has overseen tremendous growth at the all-volunteer Nova Labs, which has helped scores of young people learn how to use robots, drones, laser cutters, 3D printers, and other devices; and

WHEREAS, a staunch advocate of developing leaders and increasing inclusion in the STEM fields, Marybeth Haneline has spearheaded several diversity initiatives at Nova Labs, including a Girl Scout Maker Day and summer programs to teach computer programming to underprivileged youths; and

WHEREAS, during Marybeth Haneline's tenure, Nova Labs has also produced the annual NoVa Maker Faire and helped host the Launch 100 Pitch Event, the 72-hour Tikkun Olam Makers Global Makeathon, the FIRST Global Challenge, and the FIRST LEGO League; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with Nova Labs, Marybeth Haneline runs youth programs at the Reston Community Center and has given generously of her time in service to numerous organizations, including the Girl Scouts, the MOMS Club of Reston, the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, the Friends of the Reston Regional Library, and Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure at Nova Labs, Marybeth Haneline has demonstrated a passion for helping young people learn and grow in their love of making things; her leadership has helped build a more equitable and innovative community for future Restonians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marybeth Haneline for her efforts to support and strengthen the maker community and on her well-deserved honor as a 2018 Best of Reston Award recipient; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marybeth Haneline as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her enduring commitment to making Reston a special place to live, work, and play.

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