

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 306

Commending Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019

WHEREAS, Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D., the first African American president of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' board of trustees and a respected physician in the Richmond region, was named 2018 Person of the Year by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*; and

WHEREAS, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, Monroe Harris is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and has practiced as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Richmond since 1988; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated health care provider, Monroe Harris has served as president of the Virginia Board of Dentistry, mentored and supported African American students pursuing careers in dentistry and oral surgery, and provided free care to individuals in need through the Crossover Clinic, the Fan Free Clinic, Donated Dental Services of Virginia, and Missions of Mercy; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Harris has served the greater Richmond community as a volunteer with an educational nonprofit for youths, a member of the boards of the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia and the American Civil War Museum, and president of the board of the Virginia Repertory Theater; and

WHEREAS, a passionate art collector, Monroe Harris has served as a member of the board, executive vice president and vice president of the board, and trustee of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and president of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Foundation, and was elected president of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' board of trustees in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his role as a respected physician and civic leader, Monroe Harris is a dedicated and loving husband to Dr. Jill Bussey Harris, father to son Monroe E. Harris III and daughter Madison; he is also a friend, colleague, and sports and music fan whose many contributions enrich the lives of those around him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D., hereby be commended on his selection as 2018 Person of the Year by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his extensive and dedicated service to the Richmond community.

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