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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 259

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Commending Karen Ramos.

Patrons—Boysko, Bell, Favola and Vogel; Delegates: Bell, Delaney, Gooditis, LaRock, Murphy, Reid, Samirah and Subramanyam

WHEREAS, Karen Ramos, a student at Dominion High School in Sterling, was honored as a Student Journalist of the Year by PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs and the National Educational Telecommunications Association in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Karen Ramos is a three-year member of Dominion High School's PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Lab; the PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs program, active in more than 150 schools across the country, supports an innovative journalism curriculum that helps students develop critical thinking skills and original reporting on important issues affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, Karen Ramos was one of 25 fellows selected from more than 3,000 students participating in PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs who were invited to attend the program's annual summer academy; and

WHEREAS, Karen Ramos was also one of four honorees selected from PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs to be recognized at the National Educational Telecommunications Association's conference in Washington, D.C., in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Karen Ramos' reporting investigates compelling and pressing issues of the day, such as the DC Climate Strike and the Virginia senatorial election; and

WHEREAS, one of the highlights of Karen Ramos' reporting career was her interview with climate activist Greta Thunberg, *Time* magazine's 2019 Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Karen Ramos' accomplishments are the result of her hard work and dedication, the leadership and guidance of her teachers, and the unwavering support of the Dominion High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Karen Ramos for being honored as a 2019 Student Journalist of the Year by PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs and the National Educational Telecommunications Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Ramos as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievement and best wishes for the future.

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