

2020 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Commending Sharon Virts.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, Sharon Virts, an esteemed entrepreneur and influential philanthropist from Loudoun County, was presented the J. Hamilton Lambert Exemplary Leadership in Education and Community Service Award by the Loudoun School-Business Partnership Executive Council in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the J. Hamilton Lambert Exemplary Leadership in Education and Community Service Award is the Loudoun School-Business Partnership Executive Council's highest service award, recognizing individuals who demonstrate visionary leadership and a steadfast commitment to Loudoun schools and the community; and

WHEREAS, earlier in her career, Sharon Virts founded FCi Federal, a leading government contractor specializing in federal immigration services; during her tenure, the company grew from 35 employees and \$1.5 million in revenue in 2007 to nearly 5,000 employees and over \$250 million in revenue at the time of its sale in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Virts has given generously of her time and talents to several civic and community organizations in Loudoun County, including the Loudoun Economic Development Advisory Commission, which she chaired, and the Loudoun INOVA Hospital Foundation, where she was board director; and

WHEREAS, as an inaugural member of WE Capital, a venture capital group investing in women-led businesses with social impact missions, Sharon Virts promotes a welcoming and inclusive business culture in which all individuals can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Virts, along with her husband, Scott Miller, created the Virts Miller Foundation to support various education, culture, health, and development initiatives, particularly endeavors that serve economically depressed and rural communities and that mentor and encourage the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Virts recently donated \$100,000 to her former school, Lucketts Elementary School in Loudoun County, while also actively supporting education in the county through the Loudoun Education Foundation, an organization that has bolstered Loudoun County Public Schools by providing funding to enhance its curriculum and extracurricular programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Sharon Virts hereby be commended for being an exemplary philanthropist, entrepreneur, and servant leader; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sharon Virts as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's heartfelt admiration for her remarkable contributions to Loudoun County and the Commonwealth.

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