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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 379

Offered February 2, 2021

Commending Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst.

Patrons—Ebbin, Barker, Boysko and Saslaw; Delegates: Levine, Sickles and Sullivan

WHEREAS, Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst, philanthropic supporters of Alexandria and its many nonprofit organizations, have long inspired involvement and volunteerism in their community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fairfax County, Tom Hirst grew up on a family farm and studied at Princeton University and Harvard University before founding his real estate business, the Mason Hirst Company; and

WHEREAS, born in Bolivia, Magaly Galdo-Hirst moved to the Mount Vernon area after attending university in Washington, D.C., pursuing a career in health care equity with the Pan American Health Organization, the American regional office of the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Tom Hirst started the Mason Hirst Foundation and began to dedicate his time and efforts to helping as many nonprofit organizations as possible in Alexandria and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Magaly Galdo-Hirst joined the board of ACT for Alexandria, a community foundation that strives to increase charitable investment and community engagement in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst's commitment to nonprofit success in the region included visiting various facilities, studying the strategies, needs, and accomplishments of organizations, and acquainting themselves with the people these organizations serve; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst expanded their impact by offering matching grants through the Mason Hirst Foundation during ACT for Alexandria's Spring2ACTion event, a 24-hour fundraiser held annually for the benefit of Alexandria nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, through these matching grants and the generosity of other individuals and organizations, Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst have helped raise \$1,975,000 for Alexandria's charitable organizations over nine years; and

WHEREAS, honorees of Living Legends of Alexandria and recipients of the Champion of Children Award from the Center for Alexandria's Children, Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst continue to work humbly through their foundation to inspire action in support of the causes that matter most; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst, longtime philanthropic supporters and community leaders, for their support of many nonprofit organizations in Alexandria; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom Hirst and Magaly Galdo-Hirst as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their commitment to charitable giving and for inspiring others to engage as they can with their community.

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