2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 759

Commending Mahsa Riar.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 4, 2021

WHEREAS, Mahsa Riar, an inspirational young member of the Loudoun County community, received a 2020 Community Leadership Award from the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce for her work to design prosthetic limbs and assistive devices for children; and

WHEREAS, Mahsa Riar, who was an eighth-grade student at Belmont Ridge Middle School when she won the award, developed an interest in 3-D printing in elementary school and began creating jewelry and gifts for friends; and

WHEREAS, after reading about a girl who had lost her leg in an accident and could not afford a prosthesis, Mahsa Riar studied ways to create low-cost prosthetic devices with her 3-D printer; and

WHEREAS, Mahsa Riar won an investor pitch competition through the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Young Entrepreneurs Academy and established her own company, Limitless Limb, in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in addition to designing and printing prosthetic limbs and assistive devices that have changed the lives of children throughout Northern Virginia, Mahsa Riar served the community during the COVID-19 pandemic by using her printer to create touchless doorknob openers and other devices; and

WHEREAS, the Community Leadership Awards recognize businesses and individuals that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to serving the residents of Loudoun County; Mahsa Riar, who won in the Young Professionals category, was the youngest ever nominee for the award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Mahsa Riar hereby be commended for receiving a 2020 Community Leadership Award from the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mahsa Riar as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her compassionate work to support young people in the community.