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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 173

Offered March 1, 2022

Commending Sharon Horton.

Patrons—Reeves, Bell, Boysko, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Hanger, Howell, Ruff and Spruill; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Convirs-Fowler, Jenkins, Kory, Rasoul, Reid, Scott, P.A., Simonds and Ware

WHEREAS, in 2022, Sharon Horton of Horton Vineyards received the prestigious Monteith Bowl Trophy for her contributions to the development and sustainability of the wine industry in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Monteith Bowl Trophy is presented by the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association to recognize individuals or organizations that have advanced the wine industry through their expertise and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Horton and her husband, Dennis, established Horton Vineyards in 1989, and she has provided her wide breadth of viticultural knowledge and guidance to other wineries throughout the Commonwealth and other states over the years; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Horton earned the Monteith Bowl Trophy for her work with Viognier grapes, having planted the variety at a time when there were only 100 acres of registered Viognier vineyards in the world; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Horton provided budwood and cuttings from Horton Vineyards' Viognier grapes to other vineyards and nurseries to help increase the variety's chances for sustainability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sharon Horton of Horton Vineyards, winner of the 2022 Monteith Bowl Trophy; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sharon Horton as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements in viticulture and contributions to the Virginia wine industry.

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