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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 210

Offered March 7, 2022

*Commending Lake Ridge Parks and Recreation Association, Inc.*

Patron—Surovell

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge Parks and Recreation Association, Inc., was incorporated as a Virginia nonstock corporation on February 4, 1972, to serve a developing mixed-use community in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, with 7,278 homes in 94 subdivisions, Lake Ridge is home to more than 20,000 Virginians and features multiple types of housing, including single-family dwellings, townhomes, condominiums, and rental homes, as well as 18 commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge comprises more than 4,000 acres with 1,200 acres, almost one third of which is dedicated as open space and designated as common area; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge offers residents a host of amenities that support an active lifestyle with five swimming pools and a spray park, seven tennis courts, youth baseball and soccer fields, a fantasy playground, and two neighborhood community centers; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge partners with Prince William County Government to share with other county and state residents certain recreational opportunities on Lake Ridge common areas, a dog park, and the Occoquan Greenway Trail; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge partners with public service organizations, businesses, and faith communities to promote volunteer opportunities such as the annual cleanup of the Occoquan Greenway Trail and the beautiful Occoquan Reservoir, its tributaries, and storm water facilities, community projects that bring together hundreds of volunteers who have removed tons of debris from the trail and from the watershed; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge volunteers operate a Deer Management Assistance Program in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, which includes coordinating bow hunting in forested common areas, contributing to the control of the local deer population by collecting biological data and providing condition information on local herds, while also removing invasive species and re-planting native species in those areas; and

WHEREAS, with a staff of 50, Lake Ridge provides essential services to a thriving community, which includes a preschool, trash removal, street maintenance and repair, common area lighting and maintenance, and other municipal services traditionally provided by local governments, as well as creative and innovative recreational programming designed to bring residents together and build esprit de corps; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Ridge Facilities Team has adopted multiple Virginia Department of Transportation roads, including Spring Woods Drive, to perform routine trash removal; and

WHEREAS, governance of Lake Ridge is provided by a team of volunteer leaders who serve on the Lake Ridge Board of Directors and other committees, including the Architectural Committee, and who have worked thousands of hours to serve and support Lake Ridge owners and residents; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Lake Ridge Parks and Recreation Association has served its members well through open and transparent governance, thoughtful and meaningful programming, careful attention to preservation of Lake Ridge's valuable assets, and consistent financial stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge Parks and Recreation Association serves as an example of what neighborhoods can and should be and demonstrates the essential role that common interest communities serve in improving the lives of Virginians by protecting and preserving the most valuable asset owned by many Virginia citizens, their homes, and creating and sustaining a sense of community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lake Ridge Parks and Recreation Association, Inc., on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lake Ridge Parks and Recreation Association, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's achievements on behalf of its residents.

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