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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 580

Offered January 23, 2023

Commending Heather Harper Gunn.

Patrons—Rasoul, Austin, Head and McNamara; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, Heather Harper Gunn, a licensed professional counselor and the director of community-based services for child, youth, and family services at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, was honored at the Virginia Health Care Foundation's Cheers for Champions event in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Heather Gunn was celebrated by the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) and various state leaders who had gathered to commemorate VHCF's 30th anniversary and to recognize behavioral health organizations and professionals who have demonstrated extraordinary skill and dedication in addressing the mental health needs of Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Heather Gunn embarked upon her noble career as a behavioral health specialist as an intern at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare and, over the past 18 years, rose through the ranks to now serve as the organization's director of community-based services for child, youth, and family services; and

WHEREAS, to address the ever increasing demand for behavioral health care, Heather Gunn has spearheaded the launch of several new programs and services designed to meet the needs of at-risk youth in the Roanoke Valley; and

WHEREAS, Heather Gunn has served as a mentor to her fellow colleagues at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, working tirelessly to support the organization's growth and development and to ensure that others have the resources they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Heather Gunn's efforts have led her to become a valued advocate for marginalized communities in the region and for the children and families in the community she serves; and

WHEREAS, by demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the well-being of youth and families in the Roanoke Valley, Heather Gunn serves as an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Heather Harper Gunn, a licensed professional counselor and the director of community-based services for child, youth, and family services at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, for being honored by the Virginia Health Care Foundation in 2022; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Heather Harper Gunn as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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