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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 581

Offered January 23, 2023

Commending Sunni Purviance.

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

WHEREAS, Sunni Purviance, an esteemed community advocate and leader dedicated to supporting the neighborhoods of Southeast Roanoke, was named Citizen of the Year by the City of Roanoke in 2022; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Southeast Roanoke, Sunni Purviance has given generously of her time and talents to foster community and to improve her neighbors' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Sunni Purviance serves as director of the community organization I Heart SE, spearheading efforts to highlight and promote stories and events that reflect the positive and convivial spirit of Southeast Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, as president of the Southeast Action Forum, a successor to the Belmont Neighborhood Watch Group, Sunni Purviance promotes the safety and well-being of individuals and families in the Roanoke neighborhoods of Belmont, Fallon, Waverly, and Morningside; and

WHEREAS, since July 2021, Sunni Purviance has served as a member of Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, a committee created by the Roanoke City Council, representing the interests of residents of Southeast Roanoke and the city at large with great passion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Sunni Purviance regularly organizes events in Southeast Roanoke for the benefit of residents and visitors, including the Good Neighbors 5k, which she developed in collaboration with the Clean Valley Council to commemorate Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, Sunni Purviance inspires her neighbors and friends to commit time to "plawking," or picking up trash while walking, which has helped to beautify the streets, walkways, and parks of Southeast Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, Sunni Purviance brought holiday cheer to Southeast Roanoke by purchasing and hanging Christmas lights for homeowners without the means to do so on their own; and

WHEREAS, through extraordinary kindness, care, and thoughtfulness, Sunni Purviance has helped to make Southeast Roanoke a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sunni Purviance, a community advocate and leader in Southeast Roanoke, for being named Citizen of the Year by the City of Roanoke in 2022; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sunni Purviance as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes in her future endeavors.

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