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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 361

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Miss Anne Boone.

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WHEREAS, Miss Anne Boone, a resident and community activist of Norfolk, has achieved great success as an advocate, organizer, and volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Miss Anne Boone was recognized with the NAACP ACT-SO Award for her exceptional and sustained level of success and was also recognized for her volunteer activism by what was formerly Campostella Elementary School in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, as a community organizer, Miss Anne Boone received special recognition and an award from the *New Journal and Guide*, one of the oldest Black newspapers in the country; and

WHEREAS, Miss Anne Boone, an active member of the community, organized and led the charge to advocate for reducing water overflow in flood-prone areas by installing new sewer piping and for improving the quality of life of area youth by installing new playground equipment in local schools; and

WHEREAS, as a founding member of the Southside Coalition and member of two civic leagues, Miss Anne Boone was instrumental in the fight to keep a much-needed local post office open for the community and influential within her community in voter registration efforts to increase voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, Miss Anne Boone is a founding member of a social group of elders, known as the "Jolly Bunch," that has grown into a political powerhouse in Norfolk, endorsing candidates for local and state elections and functioning as a forceful community group throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Miss Anne Boone is a mentor, coach, and fighter for youth and senior citizens within her community, which is evidenced by her creation of the Annual Recognition of Youth Excellence Achievement Awards, her fundraising and successful installation of a historical monument in Mount Olive Cemetery, and her steadfast devotion to the opening of the Horace C. Downing Senior Center, all in the city she cares for deeply, Norfolk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Miss Anne Boone of Norfolk hereby be commended for her outreach and her social, civic, and faith-based activities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Miss Anne Boone as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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