SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 393

Commending WNRN radio station.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, WNRN radio station began broadcasting in Charlottesville on 91.9 FM more than 25 years ago and has since grown to broadcast on 13 different frequencies across the Commonwealth, including in Richmond, Lynchburg, Harrisonburg, and the Shenandoah Valley; and

WHEREAS, WNRN is a listener-supported independent music station featuring a signature programming blend of new music discovery, live in-studio sessions, and lesser known classics; and

WHEREAS, WNRN champions emerging artists and artists from the Commonwealth, giving many Virginia bands their first airplay on their journey from garages and clubs to arenas and major labels; and

WHEREAS, WNRN's mission is to connect and inspire listeners through music and community messages, and the station furthers that mission through the award-winning Hear Together series, which has donated over $1 million in free airtime to more than 200 Virginia nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Greater Public, a national organization of public radio and TV stations, recognized WNRN as the Best Fundraising Station in the country; and

WHEREAS, over the last 25 years WNRN has grown from its one frequency in Charlottesville into Virginia's largest public radio music station with 85 percent of support coming directly from the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend WNRN radio station for more than 25 years of service to Charlottesville and communities around the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to WNRN radio station as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its mission to strengthen communities through music, art, and education.