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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 295

Offered January 20, 2025

Commending M'lissa Dunn.

Patron—Stuart

WHEREAS, M'lissa Dunn, cofounder of Dunn-Rite Auto Group in Kilmarnock, was selected as the 2024 Virginia Quality Dealer by the Virginia Independent Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, M'lissa Dunn had previously worked as a paralegal and was planning to attend law school, when her husband, Randy, decided to start his own automobile repair business; and

WHEREAS, M'lissa and Randy Dunn balanced raising their family and working multiple jobs to launch their business, Randy's Dunn-Rite Automotive, which started as a full-service repair shop; and

WHEREAS, the business thrived and customers began to inquire about purchasing vehicles from the couple, leading M'lissa and Randy Dunn to branch out into sales and ultimately rebrand as the Dunn-Rite Auto Group; and

WHEREAS, M'lissa Dunn helped grow the business and inspired loyalty by treating others the way she would want to be treated; more than half of Dunn-Rite Auto Group's customers are repeat customers, and several of its mechanics have been with the Dunns more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, M'lissa Dunn has given back to the community by supporting numerous charitable organizations, including the Northumberland County Little League, Chesapeake Academy, the Special Olympics, and local law-enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, highly respected in the industry, M'lissa Dunn serves as the vice president of District 2 for the Virginia Independent Automobile Dealers Association and was appointed by Governor Glenn Youngkin to the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend M'lissa Dunn on the occasion of her selection as the 2024 Virginia Quality Dealer by the Virginia Independent Automobile Dealers Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to M'lissa Dunn as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements as a small business owner and her service to the residents of Kilmarnock and the surrounding region.

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