

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 679

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Commending the River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award.

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WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide farmers throughout the Commonwealth with education, technical assistance, and incentive programs to encourage nutrient reduction and water quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed legislation in 1998 to establish the Clean Water Farm Award Program, which is administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Farm Award Program furthers the Commonwealth's water quality goals by recognizing farmers actively engaged in implementing important conservation practices that control nutrients, sediment, and other agricultural nonpoint source pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts selected local farms across the Commonwealth for recognition in 2024 as winners of the Clean Water Farm Award; and

WHEREAS, farms have been selected to represent the Commonwealth's major river basins and to recognize the exemplary efforts of such farms in implementing best management practices; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 winners are:

David and Jeff Spence, Spence Brothers Farm, Smyth County, for the Big Sandy-Upper Tennessee River Basin;

Nathan Eulo, Eulo Farms, Accomack County, for the Coastal Basin;

The W. Copley and Margaret K. McLean Family, Swift Run Farm, Greene County, for the James River Basin;

Jennings Family, Jennings Farm, Carroll County, for the New River Basin;

Vanessa Sandin, Pohick Farm, Fauquier County, for the Potomac River Basin;

The Rocklands Foundation, Rocklands Farm, Orange County, for the Rappahannock River Basin;

Lanier Easley, Easley Farm, Pittsylvania County, for the Roanoke River Basin;

The Clermont Foundation, Clermont Farm, Clarke County, for the Shenandoah River Basin;

Bruce and Katherine Johnson, Dragonfly Farms, Louisa County, for the York River Basin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award hereby be commended and congratulated; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for their commitment to conserving the Commonwealth's natural resources and their outstanding conservation achievements.

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