

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 960

Commending Marco Rando.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, October 29, 2025

WHEREAS, Marco Rando, an artist and arts educator at South Lakes High School in Fairfax County, received the ArtsFairfax Education Award in 2025; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Pratt Institute, Marco Rando's art employs aspects of industrial design, sculpture, and public art while utilizing natural and repurposed materials, creating works that compel viewers to reflect upon concepts such as impermanence, material transformation, and the human condition; and

WHEREAS, Marco Rando has been featured in exhibitions in New York City and Washington, D.C., as well as in local galleries such as Reston's GRACE Gallery, now the Tephra Institute of Contemporary Art, where he has been a part of multiple shows, including a solo exhibition in 2007; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Marco Rando has taught visual arts at South Lakes High School, where he notably established the STEAM Public Art Program in collaboration with Public Art Reston and the Reston Association; and

WHEREAS, in the STEAM Public Art Program, Marco Rando guides students each year through the process of developing and installing a large-scale, temporary public sculpture on Lake Thoreau's spillway, imparting lessons that will foster their success both as artists and in life; and

WHEREAS, by exposing students to the different stages of a work of public art, including the presentation of design concepts to a panel review, Marco Rando encourages his students to think like artists and to contemplate the effect their works will have on the world; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to the sense of community that Marco Rando has fostered through the STEAM Public Art Program, many alumni of the program return each year to assist students with the construction and installation of their sculptures; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as a founding board member of Public Art Reston, Marco Rando has made significant contributions to Reston's cultural scene beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, by bringing the community together through the appreciation of meaningful works in a shared space, Marco Rando has helped to make Reston a wonderful place to live, work, and learn; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Marco Rando hereby be commended for receiving the 2025 ArtsFairfax Education Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marco Rando as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements in the education of the Commonwealth's youth.

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