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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 632

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4 *Commending the Loudoun Times-Mirror.*

5 Patrons—Martinez and Srinivasan

6 WHEREAS, in May 2024, the staff members and freelancers of the *Loudoun Times-Mirror* won  
7 seven first-place awards and several other awards in the Virginia Press Association News and  
8 Advertising Contest; and

9 WHEREAS, the 2024 Virginia Press Association News and Advertising Contest applied to content  
10 produced in 2023, with winners selected by impartial judges from the Missouri Press Association; the  
11 *Loudoun Times-Mirror* competed in Non-Daily Group 4, which includes the Commonwealth's 18 largest  
12 weekly newspapers by circulation; and

13 WHEREAS, Evan Goodenow, an education and courts reporter who has been with the *Loudoun*  
14 *Times-Mirror* since 2021, won a first-place award in the In-Depth or Investigative Reporting category  
15 for his powerful series of reports on suspected fentanyl overdoses at local high schools; he also received  
16 a third-place award in Public Safety Writing; and

17 WHEREAS, Jess Kirby, a government reporter who has been with the *Loudoun Times-Mirror* since  
18 September 2023, won a first-place award in the Business and Financial Writing category for her  
19 comprehensive coverage of county zoning ordinances and development; and

20 WHEREAS, former editor Patrick Kernan and current editor Coy Ferrell shared a first-place award in  
21 Editorial Writing for their well-written, fact-based editorials; Coy Ferrell also won first place in the  
22 Feature Photo category for his image of a family celebrating at Lighridge High School's  
23 commencement, along with multiple second-place and third-place awards in other categories; and

24 WHEREAS, page designer Kim Butler and other members of the *Loudoun Times-Mirror* staff earned  
25 a first-place award in the General Makeup category, which covers the general appearance and makeup of  
26 the entire newspaper; and

27 WHEREAS, freelance photographer Bill Vocke won a first-place award in the Sports News Photo  
28 category for his image of a touchdown catch during a Tuscarora High School football game; and

29 WHEREAS, freelance photographer Steve Prakope won a first-place award in the Open Photography  
30 category, which is open to all newspapers regardless of circulation size, for his image of play at the  
31 plate during a Purcellville Cannons baseball game; and

32 WHEREAS, in addition to multiple wins by the reporters and freelancers at the *Loudoun*  
33 *Times-Mirror*, the advertising team at the newspaper received two third-place awards in the contest;  
34 now, therefore, be it

35 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the *Loudoun Times-Mirror* hereby be commended on  
36 winning a host of accolades, including seven first-place awards, in the Virginia Press Association News  
37 and Advertising Contest in 2024; and, be it

38 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution  
39 for presentation to the *Loudoun Times-Mirror* as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for  
40 the newspaper's outstanding achievements in journalism and service to the Loudoun County community.

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