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The Board of Supervisors Thanks Esther Candari



The Board of Supervisors adopted a commemorative resolution at its September 17th meeting thanking Esther Candari for her work on the mural she painted on the Goodwin Building honoring the Monacan Indian Nation. Ms. Candari is a native of Hawaii and resident of Amherst County. She is pursuing her Master of Fine Arts degree from Liberty University.

After conducting interviews of the Monacan Tribe members, Ms. Candari developed an image to showcase and honor the Monacan culture and used living Monacan members as her models. She donated her artistic ability and displayed her talent to serve the entire community in a way that celebrates diversity and helps continue local culture from one generation to the next. Other than reimbursement for paint and supplies, Ms. Candari planned, organized and painted the mural at no cost to the county. The mural is entitled “Mani’na Eika” or “Water is Life” in the Monacan language.

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