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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 220

Offered February 5, 2002

Commending Cynthia Baird.

Patrons—Colgan, Chichester, Puller and Saslaw; Delegates: Lingamfelter, Marshall, R.G., McQuigg, Parrish and Rollison

WHEREAS, Cynthia Baird, a teacher at Brentsville District High School in Prince William County, was the recipient of a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, established in Los Angeles in 1987, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards recognize educators who "instill confidence and inspire students through innovative instruction and show a commitment to enhancing the profession"; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Baird was one of 120 exceptional educators in 44 states to be selected for this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Baird was honored for her outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, her strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership, and her engaging presence, which motivates and inspires her students and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Baird joins a select group of outstanding teachers and administrators dedicated to elevating the profession and affecting the policies that shape the classrooms and schools; and

WHEREAS, an instructor at the Virginia Department of Education Summer Standards of Learning Institute at James Madison University in 2001, Cynthia Baird has received several local awards for the performance of her students on advanced-placement calculus tests; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Baird's well-earned national award brings honor and recognition to herself, to Brentsville District High School, to the Prince William County public schools, and to the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Cynthia Baird on being recognized as one of the finest teachers in the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cynthia Baird as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the young people of Prince William County.