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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 930

Offered February 15, 2007

Commending JoWanda Rollins.

Patrons—Peace, Orrock and Wittman; Senator: McDougle

WHEREAS, JoWanda Rollins, a third grade teacher at Bowling Green Elementary School of the Caroline County Public Schools, was honored by the school board and the community on January 8, 2007, as the county's first National Board Certified Teacher; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certification is given by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) to advance the quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous standards for evaluating teacher's knowledge and abilities, as well as providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards; and

WHEREAS, the NBPTS National Board Certification entitles the recipient to teach in all 50 states and only 88 Virginia teachers have achieved the certification; and

WHEREAS, JoWanda Rollins traces her Caroline and King William County roots "about all the way to Pocahontas," and her family genealogy includes Mattaponi and Pamunkey along with African and English ancestors; and

WHEREAS, while still in grade school, JoWanda Rollins was inspired to become a teacher by her great-grandmother Maxine Hill and her grandmother Goldie Garlick, who both taught their pupils in a one-room schoolhouse; and

WHEREAS, in high school, JoWanda Rollins was the first female Junior ROTC battalion commander in Caroline County and the first state officer of the Future Homemakers of America; and

WHEREAS, JoWanda Rollins earned a bachelor's degree with honors from Hampton University, and after graduation served as an intern with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Newport News in its Pre-Service Teaching Institute 2000; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her volunteerism, JoWanda Rollins received scholarships from Caroline County for her first year of college; and compelled to give back to her community, she returned home to teach after earning a master's degree from Hampton University; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional teacher who always puts her students first, JoWanda Rollins was appointed third grade chair and honored as Teacher of the Year of Bowling Green Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, JoWanda Rollins is a national presenter with the Center for Teacher Effectiveness; a vice president of the Divine Diva Social Club, which mentors young women in the Caroline County community; and is the praise dance coordinator at Saint Stephens Baptist Church in Central Point; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend JoWanda Rollins on her well-deserved National Board Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to JoWanda Rollins as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her many achievements and for her commitment to the students of Caroline County and the Commonwealth.

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