

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 534

Offered February 29, 2008

Commending Jarcelynn M. Hart.

Patrons—Lingamfelter, Frederick, Marshall, R.G., Miller, J.H. and Nichols; Senators: Barker, Colgan, Puller and Stuart

WHEREAS, Jarcelynn M. Hart, principal of Rosa Parks Elementary School in Woodbridge, was the 2007 Prince William County Principal of the Year and one of 18 educators honored by *The Washington Post* in 2007 with a Distinguished Educational Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Jarcelynn Hart was selected as the Prince William County Principal of the Year by a committee of parents, teachers, administrators, and other school employees based on her leadership and innovative approaches to instruction, a strong level of parental involvement, students' rising test scores, and her overall record of accomplishment at both Rosa Parks Elementary School and Minnieville Elementary School, where she was principal from 2001 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards are given each year to the top principal from every Washington-area jurisdiction in recognition of those who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional educational environment; and

WHEREAS, a highly visible principal who rarely stays in her office, Jarcelynn Hart spends her days visiting classrooms, discussing teaching strategies with colleagues, lending a hand or offering a word of encouragement to students, and showing visitors around; and

WHEREAS, Jarcelynn Hart takes on all the challenges and opportunities that come her way with a positive attitude and a passion for teaching, always keeping her focus on the students and how she and her staff can help them reach their goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Jarcelynn M. Hart on being honored as the Prince William County Principal of the Year and receiving *The Washington Post* Distinguished Educational Leadership Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jarcelynn M. Hart as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for her commitment to the students of Rosa Parks Elementary School and the community of Woodbridge.