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## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 467**

Offered February 19, 2009

Commending Terri Hobson.

Patrons—Petersen and Saslaw; Delegates: Bulova, Hugo, Marsden and Watts

WHEREAS, Terri Hobson of Fairfax is commended for her selection as the Educator of the Year by the Virginia Thespians at the annual conference held at Christopher Newport University; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Thespians is a division of the International Thespian Society and the Educational Theatre Association that honors excellence in theater; and

WHEREAS, a gifted and innovative educator, Terri Hobson teaches drama at W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax and served as the technical director of Cappies International Theater in 2008; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of W.T. Woodson, Terri Hobson brought a wealth of teaching and drama experience back to the students of W.T. Woodson High School; and

WHEREAS, Terri Hobson taught elementary special education while working as a professional stage manager and stagehand in the evening and also taught middle school drama at Robinson Secondary School before coming back to W.T. Woodson High School 11 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Terri Hobson has enthusiastically guided her students as they put on theatrical productions and develop their own theatrical talents; some of the recent productions put on by the theater students at W.T. Woodson High School include *Footloose* and *Brave New World*; and

WHEREAS, the theater arts play a vital role in helping students reach their potential not only in theater class but across different disciplines; theater students learn to think creatively, solve problems, express themselves, feel comfortable speaking in front of a group, and use technology and software; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Terri Hobson on her selection as the Educator of the Year by the Virginia Thespians; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Terri Hobson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her commitment to providing her students with an outstanding education.