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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 188

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*Commending Ann Lam Wong.*

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WHEREAS, Ann Lam Wong, an outstanding biology/life science teacher at West Springfield High School, has been honored as a recipient of a 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, *Teacher Magazine* describes the coveted Milken Educator Awards as "the Oscars of Teaching" because of their prestige and importance to educators over the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, established in 1985, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards recognize elementary and secondary school teachers, principals, and administrators who promote excellence and innovation in public education; and

WHEREAS, without their knowledge, exemplary educators throughout the United States are considered by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state's department of education for the unrestricted financial award of \$25,000; the financial awards are distributed in the spring during the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and resourceful teacher, Ann Lam Wong uses technology and interactive laboratory activities in her biology classes to engage her students; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, 100 percent of Ann Lam Wong's students have passed the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) for biology with 68 percent passing at the advanced level; and

WHEREAS, since Ann Lam Wong began teaching Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, 75 percent of her students have scored a three or higher on the AP Biology Exam; and

WHEREAS, Ann Lam Wong serves as the academic coordinator of the school's AP Program and created an AP summer academy at West Springfield High School; she also sponsors the school's Asian American Student Association and mentors students who find the transition to high school challenging; and

WHEREAS, Ann Lam Wong began teaching in 1994 after receiving a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a master's degree from George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding educator, Ann Lam Wong is a worthy recipient of the 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Ann Lam Wong on her well-deserved 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ann Lam Wong as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for her commitment to public education and the young people of Fairfax County.

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