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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 263

Offered February 4, 2014

*Commending Christine Wilson.*

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WHEREAS, Christine Wilson, a teacher at Jamestown High School, has been named a 2013 Teacher of the Year for the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools division; and

WHEREAS, Christine "Chrissie" Wilson became a teacher to honor her late mother and her own teachers; she is most grateful for those educators whose compassion and encouragement helped her cope and pointed her to a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, when she was young, her mother encouraged her dream of becoming a teacher, and Chrissie Wilson now is in her sixth year of teaching a variety of English classes at Jamestown High School, including honors courses and Advanced Placement classes; and

WHEREAS, despite busy and long workdays, Chrissie Wilson derives great satisfaction from observing her students engage in and react with passion to literature; she calls those times "I gotcha" moments, and they fuel her love of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Chrissie Wilson's father was a colonel in the United States Air Force; her family, which included two sisters, lived in Texas, Arizona, and California before settling in Virginia, where she attended the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools and graduated from Jamestown High School; and

WHEREAS, Chrissie Wilson, who earned an undergraduate degree from Roanoke College, is the mother of a young daughter, and she understands the challenges of being a parent and teaching full time; when her daughter starts school, she hopes that she will have teachers who strive to instill a love of learning in their students; and

WHEREAS, for Chrissie Wilson, one of the main rewards of teaching high school is working with teenagers; in her view, they are challenging and awe-inspiring, believe that positive changes in society can and will occur, and are tenacious in creating such changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Christine Wilson for being named a 2013 Teacher of the Year for the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools division; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Christine Wilson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for her success and her commitment to educating young people in the Commonwealth.

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