HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 188

Commending Dr. Virginia Minshew.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, Dr. Virginia Minshew has been the principal at Park View High School in Loudoun County for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Virginia Minshew is an outstanding and dedicated educator, having worked in education for 33 years, 26 of which have been spent in Loudoun County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Northern Virginia as a young girl, she graduated from Robinson High School in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew received her Bachelor of Sociology and Social Studies from Lenoir-Rhyne College, her Master of Special Education from George Mason University, and a Doctorate in Administration and Supervision from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew started her education career in Fairfax County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew has served as assistant principal at Broad Run High School and at Potomac Falls High School, and then as principal at Farmwell Station Middle School prior to moving to Park View High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew has also served as an adjunct professor at George Mason University, Shenandoah University, and the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew received the *Washington Post*'s Distinguished Educational Leadership Award for Loudoun County in 2002 while serving at Farmwell Station Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew led Park View High School to be recognized in 2010 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals as one of five high schools nationwide to be a "Breakthrough School"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew was named the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals 2011 Outstanding High School Principal of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, under Dr. Minshew's leadership, Park View High School was awarded the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the only high school in the United States to ever receive this award; and

WHEREAS, eighty-four percent of students graduating from Park View High School under Dr. Minshew's leadership go on to post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Minshew is retiring on June 30, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Dr. Virginia Minshew hereby be commended for being an outstanding educator; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Virginia Minshew as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for her hard work and success and for the good example she sets in the Commonwealth.