

## 2014 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

*Commending Hillary Press.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2014

WHEREAS, Hillary Press, a school counselor at Groveton Elementary School, has been named the 2013 Counselor of the Year by the Virginia Counselors Association and also was honored as the 2012-2013 Outstanding Elementary Counselor by Fairfax County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Press was honored because of her service, leadership, and dedication to students and fellow counselors, with special emphasis on her work with the schools whose students later attend Fairfax County's West Potomac High School; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Press also was recognized because of her work with Title 1 low-income families—and the professionals who assist them—helping to ensure that children from less fortunate situations are able to meet state academic standards; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Press implemented innovative programs to assist sixth grade students at Groveton Elementary School in making a successful transition to middle school; in that endeavor, she collaborated with staff and parents from Carl Sandburg Middle School and West Potomac High School; and

WHEREAS, Hillary Press also served as a team leader of an attendance effort made by the elementary and middle schools in Fairfax County that send their students to West Potomac High School—staff at those schools worked closely together and met stated attendance goals; and

WHEREAS, students at Groveton Elementary School in Alexandria also have benefitted from Hillary Press' dedication and hard work; she received a grant from the Virginia Counselors Association Foundation for students to attend a county peer mediation conference; and

WHEREAS, a leader and advocate for school counselors, Hillary Press is a mentor for new counselors, and she also supervises students who are training to be counselors; in addition, Hillary Press has held many leadership roles in professional counseling organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Hillary Press, a school counselor at Groveton Elementary School in Fairfax County, hereby be commended for being named the 2013 Counselor of the Year by the Virginia Counselors Association and the 2012-2013 Outstanding Elementary Counselor by Fairfax County Public Schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hillary Press as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for her work on behalf of students and counselors in Fairfax County and the Commonwealth.

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