2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5119

Commending Robin Stern Hamby.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, Robin Stern Hamby has devoted much of her life to helping and serving youths in Fairfax County as an educator, private tutor, and family and school relations specialist; and

WHEREAS, Robin Hamby earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and a master's degree from Marymount University before beginning a 30-year career in education, including 23 years with Fairfax County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Robin Hamby served as a teacher for children with disabilities in public schools, then opened her own private tutoring and testing business; she later returned to the public school system, teaching technology and reading at Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, Robin Hamby currently serves as a family partnerships specialist with Fairfax County Public Schools Department of Communications and Community Outreach; she works to increase parent involvement in children's education and support immigrant families during the reunification process; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with parents and school staff, Robin Hamby developed innovative materials and programs for children who were raised in another country and recently reunited with their parents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, under Robin Hamby's able leadership, the Immigrant Family Reunification Program offers training for school staff and service providers and workshops for parents and is developing parent-led support groups; and

WHEREAS, Robin Hamby is an exemplar of the professionalism, creativity, and devotion shown by special educators throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robin Stern Hamby for three decades of service to the youths of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robin Stern Hamby as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to and care for her students.

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