2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5122

Commending Pamela Graves.

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

WHEREAS, Pamela Graves of Fauquier County, a dedicated educator who has touched countless lives throughout her career, received the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award from the *Washington Post's* Educational Foundation in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award was established to recognize teachers who have made exceptional contributions to their field and inspired creativity and a passion for lifelong learning among their students; Pamela Graves was one of 20 teachers in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area to receive the prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Commonwealth, Pamela Graves has lived throughout the United States and earned a bachelor's degree from George Mason University and a master's degree from Walden University; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Graves discovered her passion for education while volunteering at Margaret M. Pierce Elementary School; she began her career as a teacher at Central Elementary School in 1993 and transferred to James G. Brumfield Elementary School in 2001; and

WHEREAS, over the course of a distinguished 20-year career, Pamela Graves helped prepare countless students for further education, careers, and responsible citizenship as a fourth, fifth, and sixth grade teacher; she offered her wisdom and experience to numerous committees and facilitated new opportunities as a sponsor of several student organizations; and

WHEREAS, known as a caring and devoted mentor, Pamela Graves has inspired students to believe in themselves and achieve their full potential and helped several colleagues develop leadership skills and become better teachers; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Graves is active in the community, generously offering her time and talents to Eagle Hill Equine Rescue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Pamela Graves on receiving the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pamela Graves as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to helping students achieve greatness.