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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1017

Offered February 17, 2017

*Commending Tess W. Short.*

Patrons—Bagby and McQuinn; Senator: McClellan

WHEREAS, Tess W. Short was honored as the 2015 Secondary School Counselor of the Year by the Virginia School Counselor Association, for her work as School Counseling Director at John Rolfe Middle School in Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, an honor graduate of Prince Edward County High School, Tess Short received a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to work for Henrico County Public Schools in 2011, Tess Short was a school counselor in Prince George County Public Schools, Cumberland County Public Schools, and Charles City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Tess Short is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as well as the Virginia School Counselor Association (VSCA) and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA); and

WHEREAS, the VSCA School Counselor of the Year award recognizes outstanding professionals who have made a positive impact in their school with students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Tess Short displays a deep passion for what she does, and her hard work and dedication to helping students is widely admired by her colleagues; for example, she is known for wearing creative and outlandish outfits to motivate her students to do well during Standards of Learning testing; and

WHEREAS, because of her VSCA honor, Tess Short represented the Commonwealth at the 2016 ASCA Counselor of the Year program in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Tess Short was recognized for her VSCA Secondary School Counselor of the Year achievement in January 2016, at a White House ceremony hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama that students at John Rolfe Middle School watched via a live stream; and

WHEREAS, Tess Short has devoted her career to being an advocate for students, helping them to achieve success in school and in life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tess W. Short on being named the 2015 Secondary School Counselor of the Year by the Virginia School Counselor Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tess W. Short as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to achieving excellence and impacting the lives of students as a secondary school counselor.

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