## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 567**

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Commending Kelly A. Pace.

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WHEREAS, Kelly A. Pace, an English teacher at Atlee High School in Mechanicsville, was honored as the 2016 Hanover County Public Schools Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Pace holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and has been a teacher since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Pace began working for Hanover County Public Schools in 2011 and currently teaches eleventh grade International Baccalaureate English at Atlee High School; and

WHEREAS, the Hanover County Public Schools Teacher of the Year honor is bestowed upon an individual who is exceptionally skilled and dedicated; respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues; and is actively and meaningfully involved in their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Pace inspires her students in the classroom, embraces collaborative learning, and is striving for excellence and professional development by working toward national certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a rigorous year-long process; and

WHEREAS, admired by her peers as an outstanding educator, Kelly Pace was one of only three Hanover County Public Schools teachers who received the prestigious R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence in 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kelly A. Pace on her selection as 2016 Hanover County Public Schools Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kelly A. Pace as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to inspiring students and preparing the next generation of writers, readers, and thinkers.