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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 878

Offered February 6, 2017

Commending Shari Milne Vandygriff.

Patrons—Pogge and Mullin; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, Shari Milne Vandygriff, an eighth-grade English teacher at Berkeley Middle School in Williamsburg, was named the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools Teacher of the Year in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Shari Vandygriff was first selected as Middle School Teacher of the Year in the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools (WJCC) division, making her one of three finalists for the Teacher of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Shari Vandygriff has been a teacher in WJCC Public Schools since 2009, and is currently the English curriculum leader at Berkeley Middle School, where she also serves as a mentor and Parent Teacher Association teacher representative; and

WHEREAS, Shari Vandygriff has also led the Write Talk program at Berkeley Middle School, where community members teach students about the importance of writing; and

WHEREAS, Shari Vandygriff views teaching as a calling, not just a career; the learning environment she creates in her classroom is student-centered and designed to promote active student engagement; and

WHEREAS, Shari Vandygriff sets high expectations and makes every student feel as if they belong; her teaching philosophy emphasizes building trusting relationships, providing a nurturing learning environment, and encouraging collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Shari Vandygriff's students describe her as humorous, prepared, positive, and approachable; she really connects with her students and inspires them to reach high levels in her classroom; and

WHEREAS, Shari Vandygriff's success in the classroom is made possible with the love and support of her family members, mentors, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Shari Milne Vandygriff on being named the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools Teacher of the Year in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shari Milne Vandygriff as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievement and deep commitment to excellence in her classroom.

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