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Commending Jason Robert Ince.

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Patrons-Marshall, D.W. and Adams; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Jason Robert Ince, an agriculture teacher at Chatham High School, was selected as the 2016 Region VI Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ince received a bachelor's degree in agricultural education from Virginia Tech and earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Arkansas State University; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, Jason Ince has taught introductory and advanced agriculture courses at Chatham High School, where he has helped to prepare dozens of Pittsylvania County students for higher education and future careers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Education annually gives out eight regional Teacher of the Year awards, which recognize educators who exhibit integrity in their profession and inspire their students to high achievement; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Jason Ince was named Chatham High School Educator of the Year and was a winner of the Danville-Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ince is a leader in the field of secondary education, setting an exemplary example of high standards among his peers and in his classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ince is the advisor for the Chatham High School FFA Chapter, and he has helped coach three winning State Tractor Operators, two runners-up in Public Speaking, and one State Star in Agricultural Placement, as well as 32 State Degree and 20 American Degree winners; and WHEREAS, Jason Ince always strives to give his students ways to include personality or creativity

in projects, and he incorporates workplace readiness skills into all of the courses he teaches; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ince believes that education serves a central role in society and that being a teacher means building community and modeling activism for students, which is one reason he helps lead FFA service activities; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ince could not be successful in the classroom without the support of his fellow teachers and administrators at Chatham High School, as well as the love and understanding of his wife, Emily; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jason Robert Ince, an agriculture teacher at Chatham High School, on being named the 2016 Region VI Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Department of Education; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jason Robert Ince as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his laudable efforts to teach, prepare, and better the next generation of the Commonwealth's citizens.