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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 329

Offered January 24, 2017

*Commending Karen S. Whetzel.*

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WHEREAS, Shenandoah County School Board chair Karen S. Whetzel of New Market was honored as the 2016 Valley Region School Board Member of the Year by the Virginia School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, Karen Whetzel had a distinguished 38-year career as a teacher and administrator in Shenandoah County Public Schools and she has been a member of the Shenandoah County School Board since January 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Regional School Board Member of the Year awards recognize four school board members from across the Commonwealth who have outstanding qualities and are actively involved in promoting student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Karen Whetzel's fellow members of the Shenandoah County School Board nominated her for the VSBA honor and she credits her colleagues with helping her win the statewide recognition because they work well as a team; and

WHEREAS, Karen Whetzel is a courageous leader and during her tenure as chair the Shenandoah County School Board has made tough decisions, including recently approving a plan to change school boundary lines and a 25-year master plan for the renovation of school facilities; and

WHEREAS, Karen Whetzel believes there is no greater calling than to dedicate oneself to the well-being, safety, growth, and development of children so that they can become successful, productive, global citizens; and

WHEREAS, Karen Whetzel always has the best interests of students in mind and she has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to providing the best education possible to Shenandoah County students and to improving their schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Karen S. Whetzel, chair of the Shenandoah County School Board, hereby be commended on winning the 2016 Valley Region Teacher of the Year award from the Virginia School Boards Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen S. Whetzel as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her dedication to public education and outstanding work on behalf of the students of Shenandoah County.

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