

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 330

*Commending Sherry Heishman.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2017

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Agriculture Educators recognized Sherry Heishman, agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor at Central High School in Woodstock, as the 2016 Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, Sherry Heishman has taught agriculture and advised the FFA chapter at Central High School, where she is beloved as a role model, gifted educator, and innovator by her students and fellow educators; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Agriculture Educators (VAAE) Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher award recognizes educators who are at the pinnacle of their profession and are conducting the highest quality agricultural education programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 VAAE award is only the latest accolade in Sherry Heishman's highly-decorated teaching career as she has been previously recognized at the state and national level for her achievements in teaching agriculture and science; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Heishman was honored by the VAAE in 2014 as the state's Agriscience Teacher of the Year and the same year she was named a National Agriscience Teacher of the Year by the National Association of Agricultural Educators; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Heishman is an innovator who values letting students' curiosity drive their learning, her curriculum is science-based, her classroom is a model for hands-on instruction, and she is always looking to extend learning outside of the classroom through real-life teaching opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Heishman sets high expectations for her students and the FFA members she mentors, and she is rewarded by watching them achieve their greatest potential inside the classroom, in FFA competitions, and in their professional lives after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Heishman's numerous awards and achievements in her role as FFA advisor at Central High School include coaching 61 state-winning teams and at least 56 State Proficiency Award winners; during her tenure the Central High School FFA chapter has produced 16 state officers, including five state presidents; and

WHEREAS, Sherry Heishman represents the epitome of what is expected of instructors at Central High School, and her passion and love for agriculture is admired by students, teachers, and administrators alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Sherry Heishman, agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor at Central High School in Woodstock, hereby be commended on being honored as the 2016 Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher by the Virginia Association of Agriculture Educators; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sherry Heishman as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her tremendous dedication and passion for agricultural education in the Commonwealth.

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