HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 333

Commending Bridget Loft.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 2018

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft, the head administrator of Swanson Middle School, was named the 2017 Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, an experienced educator, Bridget Loft has worked in public schools in Virginia and Florida for more than 22 years, including five years as principal of Swanson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft is a passionate lifelong learner who works to meet the academic, emotional, and social needs of her students as they prepare for further education and success as responsible citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader, Bridget Loft strives to build a culture of excellence at Swanson Middle School, and her student-centered approach gives faculty and staff the opportunity to engage directly with students; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft works to build strong, personal relationships with her students, and she is always ready to provide a friendly smile or a helpful word of encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia as well as a master's degree from George Mason University; she previously taught high school social studies, then became assistant principal of Swanson Middle School and then Wakefield High School before returning to Swanson Middle School as principal; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington School Board presented the Principal of the Year award to Bridget Loft at a special ceremony at Washington-Lee High School on May 16, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bridget Loft on receiving the 2017 Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bridget Loft as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to serving and supporting young people in Arlington.