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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 447

Offered March 1, 2018

*Commending Almaz Abebe.*

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Almaz Abebe, a dedicated school crossing guard in Arlington County, was named one of Virginia's Most Outstanding Crossing Guards in February 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia's Most Outstanding Crossing Guards awards are presented by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program; Almaz Abebe was one of only six recipients of the prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Almaz Abebe has been with the crossing guard unit of the Arlington County Police Department since February 2015, working in rain, snow, and sunshine to ensure that children have a safe route to walk and bike to and from school; and

WHEREAS, stationed on South Carlin Springs Road near Kenmore Middle School, Almaz Abebe demonstrates practiced control of the buses, cars, pedestrians, and cyclists in her intersection; she also works at a second crossing near Patrick Henry Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Almaz Abebe sets the tone for each student's day with her bright smile, and she places a high emphasis on teaching students about the importance of pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Almaz Abebe received the award as part of Crossing Guard Appreciation Week, an annual celebration to recognize crossing guards for the integral role they play in children's education and safety; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Almaz Abebe on being named as one of Virginia's Most Outstanding Crossing Guards; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Almaz Abebe as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to serving and safeguarding the youths of Arlington County.

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