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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 499

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Commending Douglas Graney.

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WHEREAS, Douglas Graney, a teacher at Herndon High School who has inspired countless students to become active citizens and leaders in their communities through his innovative teaching methods and support for internship opportunities, published an account of his distinguished career, *American Teacher: Adventures in the Classroom and Our Nation's Capital*, in 2018; and

WHEREAS, a National Board Certified Teacher with more than 30 years of experience, Douglas Graney worked at schools in Connecticut and New York before joining Fairfax County Public Schools in 1992; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Herndon High School, Douglas Graney has placed a special emphasis on making his classes interesting, meaningful, and relevant to students, often designing his lesson plans around field trips, guest speakers, rallies, dignitary visits, and special events; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Graney has worked to make a positive impact in his students' lives by imparting to them an appreciation for the importance of civic responsibility, respect for all viewpoints, and critical thinking skills; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Douglas Graney created the largest-ever intern placement program on Capitol Hill, and his students were well-prepared to commence their internships with the inquisitiveness, confidence, and knowledge to provide valuable support to the nation's leaders; and

WHEREAS, many of Douglas Graney's students have gone on to achieve success as civil servants or respectful, thoughtful leaders in their fields; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Graney has earned numerous awards and accolades for his work, including recognition from the Virginia Education Association, the National Education Association Foundation, and many other organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Douglas Graney on the publication of his autobiographical book *American Teacher: Adventures in the Classroom and Our Nation's Capital*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Douglas Graney as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his work to provide unique educational opportunities for his students and his commitment to helping them become engaged citizens of the Commonwealth and the United States.

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