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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

Offered January 30, 2018

Commending Denise Corbo.

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WHEREAS, Denise Corbo, a passionate educator with Loudoun County Public Schools, has worked to give all students in the Commonwealth a strong foundation for lifelong learning through her nonprofit organization, StoryBook Treasures; and

WHEREAS, a veteran educator with nearly three decades of experience, Denise Corbo has witnessed the importance of early literacy firsthand as a teacher in the gifted programs at Horizon Elementary School and Steuart W. Weller Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, after becoming aware that children who read at home have a significant advantage in the classroom, and that children below the poverty line are much less likely to have quality reading materials at home, Denise Corbo was determined to find a way to bridge the literacy gap; and

WHEREAS, Denise Corbo took a part-time job to fund her own nonprofit organization, StoryBook Treasures, which now provides books and other materials to students in need and offers on-site professional development programs for teachers, as well as continuous consulting and technical support; and

WHEREAS, StoryBook Treasures helps students build their own personal libraries to share with their families, fosters strong connections with the stories, and lays the foundation for a lifelong love of reading and learning; and

WHEREAS, Denise Corbo launched the first StoryBook Treasures pilot program in 2013 with 100 students at Sugarland Elementary School in Sterling; by 2017, the organization had grown to serve 24 schools in six states and had provided more than 15,000 books to 3,000 students; and

WHEREAS, all donations to StoryBook Treasures go toward the purchase of supplies and the cost of training; Denise Corbo and other volunteers hold events to pack shipments for recipient schools, which include lesson plans and a bag for each student with books and plush animals, small toys, or keepsakes that are associated with each story; and

WHEREAS, StoryBook Treasures has succeeded in its mission thanks to the countless hours of hard work by its volunteers and many generous donations from local individuals, families, and businesses, as well as national foundations and organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Denise Corbo hereby be commended for her work to instill a passion for reading and learning in students through StoryBook Treasures; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Denise Corbo as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her unique contributions to students and best wishes for the future.

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