HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1038

Commending Stephen Legawiec.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Stephen Legawiec, a history teacher at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, was honored as the 2019 Region 2 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rochester, New York, where the Erie Canal, the George Eastman House, and Iroquois ancestral sites inspired his passion for America's past at an early age, Stephen Legawiec earned a doctoral degree in history from The College of William & Mary; he has been a teacher for seven years and has taught with the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools district for three years; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Legawiec is known as an innovative educator who imparts his passion for history to his students; he expects them to engage with their world, to have conversations about history and politics with their families at the dinner table, to write to their representatives when they feel unheard, and to engage actively in the betterment of their community and world; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Legawiec's passion for history is evident in every lesson he teaches; he has the unique ability to guide students as they make important connections between the past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, students in Stephen Legawiec's class research topics and participate in debates and seminars; the activities challenge students to evaluate their views and ideas and encourage all students to think critically; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Stephen Legawiec, history teacher at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, on his selection as the 2019 Region 2 Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stephen Legawiec as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to inspiring students and preparing the next generation of civic-minded Virginians.