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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 932

Offered February 12, 2019

Commending Lani Ashberry.

Patrons—Hodges; Senator: McDougale

WHEREAS, Lani Ashberry, an eighth grade language arts, civics, and economics teacher at St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, received the National University System's 2018 Sanford Teacher Award for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Sanford Teacher Award Program of San Diego, California, recognizes the top 51 pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teachers in the nation, with a cash prize of \$10,000 presented to each state winner; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the prize is to honor teachers like Lani Ashberry, who consistently demonstrate enthusiasm for teaching, show empathy and warmth toward all students, foster positive relationships with all students, create positive learning environments, and recognize students' strengths; and

WHEREAS, Lani Ashberry graduated from Woodside High School in Newport News and earned a bachelor's degree in English from The College of William & Mary; in addition to her teaching duties at St. Clare Walker Middle School, she is involved as advisor to the Student Council and the *Social Buzz* school newspaper and as head coach of the volleyball team; and

WHEREAS, Lani Ashberry contributes to the betterment of Middlesex County Public Schools as a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Council, an advisor of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, a homebound instructor, and a new teacher mentor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lani Ashberry, eighth grade language arts, civics, and economics teacher at St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, for receiving the National University System's 2018 Sanford Teacher Award for Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lani Ashberry as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to her students and pedagogical excellence.

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