

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 349

Commending Lauren Serpa.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019

WHEREAS, Lauren Serpa, devoted music educator at Spring Run Elementary School in Chesterfield, won a 2018 R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Serpa will use the monetary award that accompanied this recognition to attend an intensive one-week comedy improvisation program in Chicago, then travel to Ireland and the Netherlands to learn about the cultures and musical styles performed in those countries; she will use the remaining funds to enroll in two courses at Virginia Commonwealth University to complete her certification in the Orff approach to music education, which combines music-making and movement; and

WHEREAS, the award was presented to Lauren Serpa by the R.E.B. Foundation and the Community Foundation, which have partnered to promote excellence in public education through awards programs for public school teachers and principals who work tirelessly to ensure that youth have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Serpa is a graduate of Warwick High School in Newport News and studied music at Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, outside of the classroom, Lauren Serpa dedicates herself to the arts as a photographer and flutist; she is also an improvisation performer at the Coalition Theater in Richmond and manages an improvisation team called "The Johnsons"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Lauren Serpa, music educator at Spring Run Elementary School in Chesterfield, hereby be commended for winning a 2018 R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lauren Serpa as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her dedication to music education and the arts.

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