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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4029

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Commending Rodney A. Robinson.

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WHEREAS, Rodney A. Robinson, a social studies teacher at Virgie Binford Education Center who has helped vulnerable young people become more engaged with civics, was named the 2019 National Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a highly experienced educator, Rodney Robinson has worked in Richmond Public Schools for 19 years, including at Armstrong High School, Wythe High School, and Brown Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Robinson has been a trusted mentor and an inspirational role model to countless students; in his current role as a teacher at Virgie Binford Education Center in the Richmond Juvenile Justice Center, he has created a culture of positivity where students feel understood, appreciated, and better engaged with the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Rodney Robinson has also been a champion for mental health services in schools and initiatives to keep students on the path to success in higher education, careers, and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Robinson holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University and a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; he has received many other awards and accolades for his personal and professional achievements, including the R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Rodney A. Robinson hereby be commended on his selection as the 2019 National Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rodney A. Robinson as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his exceptional service to young people in Richmond.

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