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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 180

Offered February 4, 2020

*Commending Brittany Burke.*

Patrons—Delaney, Cole, M.L., Hope and Ware; Senators: Bell and Howell

WHEREAS, Brittany Burke, a devoted American Sign Language teacher at Westfield High School in Chantilly, received a Fairfax County Public Schools Excellence Award in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Excellence Awards recognize contributions by FCPS employees that produce outstanding results and further the mission and vision of FCPS, with nomination categories that align with each school system's goals; and

WHEREAS, receiving the award in the "Growth" category, Brittany Burke demonstrated a commitment to enhancing school curriculum and programs, primarily through the American Sign Language (ASL) courses she offers at Westfield High School; and

WHEREAS, in six years under Brittany Burke's leadership, Westfield High School's ASL program has expanded from four small classes to six full classes, its ASL Club has extended its activities beyond the classroom, and its ASL Honor Society has become increasingly involved with the local Deaf community; and

WHEREAS, motivated to create engaging learning experiences for her students, Brittany Burke is consistently looking for opportunities to innovate her ASL classes and support her students' extra-curricular endeavors; and

WHEREAS, currently pursuing a master's degree in ASL education, Brittany Burke will undoubtedly continue to advance ASL learning in ways that will contribute greatly to the success of her students both in and out of the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brittany Burke, a distinguished American Sign Language teacher at Westfield High School, for receiving a 2019 Fairfax County Public Schools Excellence Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brittany Burke as an expression of the General Assembly's profound respect and admiration for her exemplary efforts on behalf of Fairfax and the Commonwealth.

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