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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 324

Offered February 25, 2020

Commending Marsha Manning.

Patrons—Tran; Senator: Barker

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WHEREAS, in 2019, Marsha Manning retired as principal of South County Middle School after nearly three decades of service to Fairfax County as an educator and school administrator; and

WHEREAS, a native of Illinois, Marsha Manning grew up in Florida, where she worked as an English teacher at Clearwater High School and Lakewood High School after graduating from Florida State University; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Manning relocated to Springfield in 1987 and began working for Fairfax County Public Schools as an English teacher at Washington Irving Middle School in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Marsha Manning earned a master's degree in educational leadership from George Mason University and subsequently became an assistant principal at Mark Twain Middle School; and

WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2012, Marsha Manning served as a founding assistant principal of South County Secondary School, adapting to the unique challenges of supporting both middle school and high school students in the same building; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her exceptional leadership, Marsha Manning was subsequently named as founding principal of South County Middle School, where she built a culture of integrity and cultivated strong relationships with students, teachers, and her fellow administrators; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with Fairfax County Public Schools, Marsha Manning helped support the nation's veterans by coordinating student volunteers for the Honor Flight program; and

WHEREAS, among the many accolades earned throughout her career, Marsha Manning received the Nancy F. Sprague Outstanding First-Year Principal Award in 2013 from Fairfax County Public Schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marsha Manning on the occasion of her retirement as principal of South County Middle School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marsha Manning as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her legacy of excellence and devoted service to young people in Fairfax County.

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