HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 346

Commending Judy Apostolico-Buck.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020 Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, Judy Apostolico-Buck, who has touched the lives of countless young people through her visionary leadership as principal of Ashlawn Elementary School and Barcroft Elementary School, was named the 2019 Principal of the Year by Arlington Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of James Madison University and the University of Virginia, Judy Apostolico-Buck first worked at Arlington Public Schools as a student-teacher and has spent her entire 32-year career with the school district; and

WHEREAS, Judy Apostolico-Buck held a variety of positions in Arlington Public Schools, including itinerant resource teacher for gifted students, assistant principal of Taylor Elementary School, and supervisor of early childhood education programs, gaining a wealth of experience that has served her well as a school administrator; and

WHEREAS, from 2010 to 2017, Judy Apostolico-Buck served as principal of Ashlawn Elementary School, which earned numerous accolades and maintained a tradition of academic excellence under her leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Judy Apostolico-Buck brought her creative approaches to problem solving, commitment to collaborative leadership, and passion for lifelong learning to Barcroft Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Judy Apostolico-Buck strives to build trust and understanding with students and parents, using her knowledge of early childhood development and the importance of treating each student as an individual to create a responsive, supportive classroom environment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to advocating for research-based teaching practices, Judy Apostolico-Buck facilitates open discussion among faculty and staff members to ensure that teachers have the resources they need to properly support their students; and

WHEREAS, Judy Apostolico-Buck was recognized for her exceptional accomplishments by the Arlington School Board at a special ceremony on May 14, 2019; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Judy Apostolico-Buck on her selection as the 2019 Principal of the Year by Arlington Public Schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Judy Apostolico-Buck as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements in service to the students of Arlington County.