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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 438

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Rachel Thompson.

Patrons—Convirs-Fowler, Adams, D.M., Davis, Hayes, Hope, Rasoul, Samirah and Simonds

WHEREAS, Rachel Thompson, a Spanish teacher at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, was named the Virginia Department of Education's Region 2 Teacher of the Year in 2020; and

WHEREAS, prior to this award, Rachel Thompson was recognized by Virginia Beach City Public Schools as the division's Teacher of the Year in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Thompson became enamored with the Spanish language during high school trips abroad and through mission work in Central America, later earning a bachelor's degree in Spanish philology and English literature at Saint Louis University in Madrid; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Thompson was enticed into an education career by a former teacher who notified her of a substitute teaching position at Princess Anne High School, where she has been a passionate educator for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, teaching Spanish 5 and 6 in the school's International Baccalaureate program, Rachel Thompson encourages her students to develop their language skills through the examination of complex global issues affecting Spanish-speaking regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, invested in her students' progress, Rachel Thompson supports several programs and activities at Princess Anne High School outside of the classroom, including the Model United Nations team, the Operation Smile club, and the school's Gay-Straight Alliance, while serving as co-chair on the School Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, for the past 15 years, Rachel Thompson's enthusiastic, caring, and inclusive spirit has motivated her students and contributed to their success 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 Rachel Thompson, a Spanish teacher at Princess Anne High School, for being named the 2020 Region 2 Teacher of the Year and the 2020 Virginia Beach City Public Schools Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rachel Thompson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements and best wishes for her continued success.

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