

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Commending Andrea Carson Johnson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 2020

WHEREAS, Andrea Carson Johnson, an English teacher at Salem High School, was named the 2020 Virginia Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, selected from a group of eight regional finalists by a committee of representatives from professional and educational associations and the business community, Andrea Johnson received this top honor during a ceremony at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond on October 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University, Andrea Johnson did not begin her career in a traditional classroom, instead worked as an educator at the Airfield Conference Center and Southeast 4-H Educational Center in Wakefield; and

WHEREAS, a beneficiary of the EducateVA Career Switcher licensure program administered by the Virginia Community College System, Andrea Johnson began teaching in 2011 at Lakeland High School in Suffolk; after moving to Roanoke shortly thereafter, she taught English at Andrew Lewis Middle School and Salem High School; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, Andrea Johnson has served as chair of the English department at Salem High School, where her 12th grade English and English 12 college prep courses expose young readers to the best of both classic and contemporary literature and provide them with insights and skills that will foster fulfilling lives and careers; and

WHEREAS, the joy and energy Andrea Johnson brings to teaching every day inspires her students with a love for learning and compels them to succeed both in and out of the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Andrea Carson Johnson, English teacher at Salem High School, hereby be commended for the distinction of being named the 2020 Virginia 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 Andrea Carson Johnson as an expression of the House of Delegates' utmost respect and wholehearted admiration for the example she has set in her service to the children of Salem.

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