HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99

Commending Pamela Hall.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2020

WHEREAS, Pamela Hall, a first-grade teacher at Windsor Elementary School in Isle of Wight County, was named the Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture in the Classroom is a national program that provides resources and opportunities to affiliated state-based programs to promote agricultural literacy in PreK-12 schools; Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom works closely with the national organization and receives both funding and administrative support from the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award distinguishes Pamela Hall for incorporating agricultural lessons into her curriculum in engaging and effective ways; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, Pamela Hall's students studied the life cycles of plants and animals, took nature walks, visited farms, made ice cream, raised a hive of bees, and grew hydroponic plants, activities designed to cultivate greater interest in and understanding of agricultural practices; and

WHEREAS, by supporting her students' classroom activities with visits from experts and field trips to area farms, Pamela Hall fostered a broad educational experience that will inspire her students' imagination and encourage them to think both creatively and constructively about the natural world; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom honor, Pamela Hall will receive a scholarship to attend the 2020 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, in June, where she will have the opportunity to share ideas with other leading educators in her field; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Hall has admirably served the students of Isle of Wight County through her innovative and compelling lessons, preparing them for future success both in and out of the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Pamela Hall, a first-grade teacher at Windsor Elementary School, hereby be commended for being named the 2020 Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom 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 Pamela Hall as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her achievement and best wishes for the future.