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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 566

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Commending Suzanne E. Metz.

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WHEREAS, Suzanne E. Metz, a physical education teacher at North Springfield Elementary School in Fairfax County, has inspired her students to lead healthy, fulfilling lives, both before and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as the only physical education teacher at North Springfield Elementary School, Suzanne Metz has played an outsized role in fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment for her students; and

WHEREAS, in past years, Suzanne Metz has brought professional athletes and Olympians into her classes, giving her students special motivational experiences that they will cherish for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Metz is integral to many beloved events at North Springfield Elementary School, serving as the director of the fifth grade musical and as the organizer of both the year-end field day and the schoolwide sport stacking tournament; and

WHEREAS, furthering her mission to promote wellness in her school, Suzanne Metz organizes annual bike-to-school and walk-to-school community events to encourage students and parents to incorporate exercise into their everyday routines; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Metz continually seeks ways to support her students beyond the classroom; in addition to her teaching responsibilities, she organizes bus patrols, reads daily school announcements, and serves as a mentor to several children; and

WHEREAS, the spirit and enthusiasm that Suzanne Metz brings to teaching every day could not be deterred by the COVID-19 pandemic; along with administering the school's "NSES Keeps in Touch" Facebook page and participating in its teacher parade, she livestreams a daily workout to help her students stay active and connected to their community throughout the quarantine; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of her unique and creative response to the challenges presented by her school's closure, Suzanne Metz has appeared on various local and national news media outlets, including *WTOP News*, "The Kojo Nnamdi Show" on *WAMU*, and *Voice of America News*; and

WHEREAS, through her unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of her students and their families, Suzanne Metz has uplifted her community and eased the burden of many during this difficult and trying time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Suzanne E. Metz, a physical education teacher at North Springfield Elementary School, hereby be commended for her unflagging efforts to brighten the lives of others; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Suzanne E. Metz as an expression of the House of Delegates' heartfelt admiration for her contributions to Fairfax County Public Schools and the Commonwealth.

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