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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 640

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*Commending Nancy Van Doren.*

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, after many years of service to the students, faculty, and staff members of Arlington Public Schools, Nancy Van Doren retired as a member of the Arlington School Board on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service who holds a master's degree in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Nancy Van Doren pursued a private-sector career in general management and communications with Connecticut National Bank, The Travelers Companies, *The Hartford Courant*, and *Newsday*; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Van Doren has lived in Arlington's Ashton Heights neighborhood for 17 years; her four children all attended Arlington Public Schools, and she played an active role in their education as president of the parent teacher association for Thomas Jefferson Middle School and a member of the Arlington County Council of PTAs; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Arlington School Board, Nancy Van Doren offered her expertise to Arlington Public Schools as a member of numerous advisory committees and task forces, including those on special education, transportation and student safety, family and community engagement, and career guidance; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Van Doren founded support groups for children with reading challenges and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and, as an accomplished world traveler who is fluent in Spanish, played a vital role in cofounding the Arlington Latino Network; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Van Doren was appointed and twice elected to the Arlington School Board beginning in September 2014; she provided her wealth of leadership experience to the organization as vice chair in 2015-2016 and chair in 2016-2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Nancy Van Doren on the occasion of her retirement from the Arlington School Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nancy Van Doren as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements in service to Arlington Public Schools.

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