2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 640

Commending Nancy Van Doren.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021 Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

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.