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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 658

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Commending Cintia Johnson.

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

WHEREAS, Cintia Johnson, a champion for young people in the Arlington community, retired as the assistant superintendent of administrative services for Arlington Public Schools on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cintia Johnson spent the majority of her 40-year career in education with Arlington Public Schools, having joined the school system in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Cintia Johnson promoted equity by implementing programs to decrease suspensions of minority students, as well as alternatives to suspension that helped students make better choices and achieve success in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cintia Johnson strengthened the Aspiring Leaders program for school administrators, established a Latino Aspiring Leaders program, and supported many other initiatives to enhance the quality of programs and services offered by Arlington Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Cintia Johnson was a trusted mentor and friend to her fellow employees of Arlington Public Schools, and she worked diligently to ensure that her colleagues were recognized and celebrated for their accomplishments in service to the school system and the community; and

WHEREAS, Cintia Johnson fostered positive, supportive environments in local schools by encouraging faculty and staff members to ensure that every student could identify at least one trusted adult at their school; and

WHEREAS, Cintia Johnson was selected as interim superintendent of Arlington Public Schools during the 2019-2020 academic year and guided the school system through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Cintia Johnson served the students of Arlington Public Schools with compassion, kindness, and integrity and has received numerous awards and accolades for helping the school system maintain its reputation for excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cintia Johnson on the occasion of her retirement from Arlington Public Schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cintia Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her decades of service to students in Arlington.

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