HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 570

Commending Eselyn Maheia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Eselyn Maheia, a passionate and dedicated educator, has given countless students in the Commonwealth the tools to become lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, driven to help the people who needed it most, Eselyn Maheia pursued specialized degrees to support vulnerable young people and students with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eselyn Maheia began her career in the juvenile justice system and implemented principles from behavioral science research to help young people develop social skills and become contributing members of society after release; and

WHEREAS, Eselyn Maheia subsequently joined Richmond Public Schools as a special education teacher, helping students with emotional, physical, developmental, and learning challenges build confidence to succeed in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, Eselyn Maheia has worked as an autism support teacher at Fred Lynn Middle School in Woodbridge; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her distinguished career, Eselyn Maheia has touched the lives of countless young people and served as a trusted friend and mentor to many of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Eselyn Maheia hereby be commended for her years of service as an educator; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eselyn Maheia as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her personal and professional achievements.