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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 575**

Offered February 23, 2021

Commending Elana Cohen.

Patrons—Mundon King, Adams, D.M., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Hayes, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Kory, Levine, McQuinn, Reid and Simonds

WHEREAS, Elana Cohen, a dedicated educator with Prince William County Public Schools, has served and inspired young people throughout the Commonwealth for many years; and

WHEREAS, Elana Cohen began her career in education as a vocational teacher with Montgomery County Public Schools and later transitioned to support students with autism; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing a master's degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Education, Elana Cohen interned at the prestigious Kennedy Krieger Institute Lifeskills and Education for Students with Autism and other Pervasive Behavioral Challenges Program; and

WHEREAS, Elana Cohen currently works as a special education teacher at Forest Park High School in Prince William County, where she is trusted by her students and admired by her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Elana Cohen has touched countless young lives by working with students in preschool through 12th grade, and she has taught courses for adults at a local community college; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Elana Cohen hereby be commended for her service as a teacher and an advocate for students with autism; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elana Cohen as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her commitment to excellence and service to young people.