

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Commending Bernadine Futrell, Ph.D.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Bernadine Futrell, Ph.D., esteemed director of the Office of Head Start in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, has made a difference in many lives through her exemplary achievements in the field of early education; and

WHEREAS, Bernadine Futrell's educational pursuits include a bachelor's degree in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University, both a master's degree in educational psychology and a doctoral degree in education policy from George Mason University, and post-graduate certificates from both Complutense University of Madrid and Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Bernadine Futrell began her illustrious career in education as an assistant Head Start teacher in Richmond, contributing greatly to her students' preparation for a lifetime of learning; and

WHEREAS, prior to assuming her position as director of the Office of Head Start, Bernadine Futrell led superintendent certification programs on behalf of the former American Association of School Administrators and later served as senior director for effective practice at the National Head Start Association; and

WHEREAS, as director of the Office of Head Start within the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, Bernadine Futrell oversees the operations of 1,600 public and private nonprofit and for-profit agencies that provide Head Start services to more than a million children every year in local communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, a co-author of the book *ConnectED Leaders: Network and Amplify Your Superintendency* and a regular contributor in research studies, Bernadine Futrell is a respected leader in her field whose insights have guided many fellow educators and school administrators; and

WHEREAS, with a deep commitment to the well-being of students at all stages in their educational journeys, Bernadine Futrell also serves as a member of advisory committees at George Mason University and Howard University; and

WHEREAS, through her steadfast dedication and visionary leadership, Bernadine Futrell has provided countless young people with the tools and resources they need to achieve their dreams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bernadine Futrell, Ph.D., hereby be commended for her years of service in support of the success of future generations; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bernadine Futrell, Ph.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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