HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 657

Commending Adria Cintron.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023 Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron, an eighth-grade English teacher at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Roanoke, was named 2023 Teacher of the Year by Roanoke City Public Schools on November 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron was selected for the Teacher of the Year honor by a committee that included Roanoke City Public Schools (RCPS) employees and retirees and last year's Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron has been an educator for 25 years, including the past six years with RCPS, and has fostered the well-being and success of students across various grade levels and subjects; and

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron recently taught RCPS students who were English language learners, first at John P. Fishwick Middle School and later at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, serving as the head of the latter's English Learners Program from 2018 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron, who transitioned to teaching eighth-grade English in the 2022-2023 school year, works tirelessly to adapt her teaching methods to the evolving needs of her students, bringing fresh energy and perspectives to her classroom each and every year; and

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron enthusiastically provides direction and encouragement to her students so that they may confront the challenges they face and achieve their dreams, both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron supports her students' interest in reading and literature as the founder and leader of the Woodrow Wilson Literacy Committee, which organizes literacy nights for families, and as the spelling bee coordinator for Woodrow Wilson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work as an educator, Adria Cintron has supported the students of Roanoke City Public Schools by leading a community writing project in collaboration with the organization Local Colors and by creating an afterschool tutoring program; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for her career as an educator, Adria Cintron earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida and a master's degree from East Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, Adria Cintron's steadfast dedication to her students and unwavering commitment to satisfying their academic, social, and emotional needs serve as an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Adria Cintron, eighth-grade teacher at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Roanoke, for being named the 2023 Roanoke City Public Schools Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Adria Cintron as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.