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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 683

Offered February 14, 2023

*Commending Tamara Derenak Kaufax.*

Patrons—Sickles, Filler-Corn, Delaney, Kory, Krizek, Lopez, Reid and Watts; Senators: Barker, Ebbin, Saslaw and Surovell

WHEREAS, Tamara Derenak Kaufax, a longtime resident of Franconia and esteemed advocate for children's causes and education issues, will retire from the Fairfax County School Board at the expiration of her term on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Tamara "Tammy" Derenak Kaufax has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the youth of Fairfax County through her work with various organizations and committees, including as former chair of the Fairfax County Child Care Advisory Council and as a member of the Fairfax County Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council and the Fairfax County School Board's Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Kaufax has been closely involved with the growth and development of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) through her role as vice president and cultural arts chair of the Springfield Estates Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and as cultural arts chair with the Bush Hill Elementary School PTA; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Kaufax joined the Fairfax County School Board in January 2012, serving as the chair for the Public Engagement Committee that year before being elected vice chair then chair of the board in 2013 and 2014, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving again as vice chair for the 2019-2020 school year, Tammy Kaufax also provided leadership to the Fairfax County School Board by serving as its budget chair in 2015 and 2018, as the co-chair of the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team in 2016 and 2018, as chair of the Governance Committee in 2017, and as the board's national legislative liaison and state legislative liaison; and

WHEREAS, as the owner of Altamat Marketing Solutions with 20 years of experience in marketing and small business ownership, Tammy Kaufax has brought valuable knowledge and expertise to bear during her tenure with the Fairfax County School Board; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Kaufax's proudest accomplishments with the Fairfax County School Board include implementing later high school start times and instituting full day Mondays, restoring honors classes, developing the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate program, constructing FCPS' first strategic plan, providing healthier food for FCPS students and implementing a summer meals program; reforming the FCPS discipline system, and establishing an independent Office of the Auditor General; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Kaufax's steadfast dedication to the youth of Fairfax County has made a positive and lasting impression on the community that will endure for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tamara Derenak Kaufax on the occasion of her retirement from the Fairfax County School Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tamara Derenak Kaufax as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes in her future endeavors.

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