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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 422

Offered February 22, 2023

*Commending Penny Kelly.*

Patron—Kory

WHEREAS, Penny Kelly, an emergency medical technician and fire science instructor in Fairfax County Public Schools and at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy, received the 2022 Regional Award for Outstanding Achievement in EMS "Outstanding Pre-Hospital Educator" from the Northern Virginia EMS Council in 2022; and

WHEREAS, fully licensed as an emergency medical technician (EMT), EMT instructor, and Community Emergency Response Team trainer, Penny Kelly was the first fire science and EMT instructor at Falls Church Academy, one of six high school academy programs in the Fairfax County Public Schools system; and

WHEREAS, Penny Kelly received the prestigious award in recognition of her loyal service to her students and her diligent work to ensure that they are well prepared to safeguard the lives and property of Fairfax County residents; and

WHEREAS, Penny Kelly has overseen significant growth in the enrollment of Falls Church Academy during her tenure; she regularly updates the curriculum to reflect best practices and helps students engage with complex concepts by applying them to real-world scenarios; and

WHEREAS, working with regional fire and emergency services professionals, Penny Kelly has created unique learning opportunities for her students by arranging flight medic helicopter visits to the academy and field trips to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy and the Northern Virginia Community College medical education campus; and

WHEREAS, Penny Kelly routinely visits high school guidance departments to promote the benefits of academy programs and the public safety profession, and she has supported her students after graduation by helping them obtain certifications and seek opportunities for employment and postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Penny Kelly was previously awarded the Regional Award for Outstanding Achievement in EMS "Outstanding Pre-Hospital Educator" in both 2015 and 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Penny Kelly hereby be commended for being awarded the 2022 Regional Award for Outstanding Achievement in EMS "Outstanding Pre-Hospital Educator"; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Penny Kelly as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her professional achievements in service to students and residents of Northern Virginia.