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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 202

Offered January 28, 2010

Commending Catherine S. Webb.

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WHEREAS, Catherine S. Webb, an outstanding speech language pathologist and special education teacher at Narrows Elementary/Middle School in Giles County has been honored as Virginia's 2010 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Webb, Region 7 Teacher of the Year, was chosen as Virginia's Teacher of the Year from eight regional teacher finalists and was awarded the state's highest honor in Richmond on October 16, 2009, in a ceremony sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education in cooperation with corporate sponsors; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year program recognizes and honors teachers who represent the best in teaching across the nation and the acclaimed award winners serve as ambassadors promoting the teaching profession and quality education for all students; and

WHEREAS, at a White House ceremony in the spring of 2010, Catherine Webb will represent the Commonwealth in the annual Council of Chief State School Officers' National Teacher of the Year program, which is sponsored by the ING Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Webb received a bachelor's and master's degree from Marshall University and a certificate of graduate studies in autism from Regent University; and

WHEREAS, a caring and compassionate teacher, Catherine Webb has taught in the Giles County Public Schools for 24 years; the majority of her time has been spent as a speech language pathologist serving preschool through 12th grade students; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a certificate of graduate studies in autism, Catherine Webb became the Giles County autism consultant and instructor for three elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Webb spearheaded the creation of a FOCUS class that uses the STAR curriculum; the class is a centralized class for pre-K to second grade students with behavioral or developmental issues, the first such program in Giles County; and

WHEREAS, the students spend a half-day on lessons that teach routines and skills students can use when they return to the general classroom; and

WHEREAS, mindful of the needs of the parents of special needs students, Catherine Webb also started a support group for them; and

WHEREAS, a talented and dedicated educator, Catherine Webb epitomizes the vital role that innovative and compassionate teachers play in the education of Virginia's children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Catherine S. Webb on her well-deserved recognition as Virginia's 2010 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 Catherine S. Webb as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for her commitment to the young people of Giles County and the Commonwealth.