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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 262

Offered February 4, 2014

Commending Darlene Russell.

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WHEREAS, Darlene Russell, a teacher at Toano Middle School, has been named a 2013 Teacher of the Year for the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools division; and

WHEREAS, now in her 23rd year of teaching, Darlene Russell, whose husband is a member of the United States Armed Forces, has taught in Chesterfield County, Kentucky, Iowa, and Germany; she hopes to spend the remainder of her career at Toano Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Russell teaches sixth-grade English; she loves to teach and especially appreciates the challenges and rewards that come with teaching young people during their first year of middle school; she constantly focuses on making a difference in her students' lives; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Russell is passionate about her work, and she is flexible in her teaching methods, recognizing that students have different styles of learning and classes have different dynamics; in addition to literature, grammar, and writing, she also tries to teach the young people she works with something about life; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Russell is inspired all the more when she sees a student who has worked hard for many weeks finally pass a test or write a succinct and concise paper; a child's determination to succeed is one of her prime motivators as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, one of the incentives that Darlene Russell successfully uses to engage her students is holding a daily lunch bunch get-together in her classroom; there, students can receive extra help, talk things over, or do homework; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Russell encourages parents to be involved at school; she also urges her students to talk with their parents about their school work and activities, emphasizing that two-way communication between students and parents is vitally important; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Darlene Russell for being named a 2013 Teacher of the Year for the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools division; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Darlene Russell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for her success and her commitment to educating young people in the Commonwealth.

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