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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 410

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Myron Blosser.*

Patrons—Wilt; Senator: Obenshain

WHEREAS, Myron Blosser, a teacher at Eastern Mennonite School in Harrisonburg, has been named the 2013 Virginia Teacher of the Year by the National Association of Biology Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Myron Blosser's outstanding teaching abilities have long been recognized; he was also named Virginia Teacher of the Year in 1998 by the National Association of Biology Teachers; and

WHEREAS, enthusiasm, energy, and engagement are central features of Myron Blosser's high school science classes; students are drawn to his teaching style and his educational mission extends far beyond the school's campus; and

WHEREAS, Myron Blosser teaches at his alma mater; he is a 1983 graduate of Eastern Mennonite School and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Eastern Mennonite University; and

WHEREAS, Myron Blosser's instructional mission is "creating excitement in education by fusing collaboration, relevance, and dynamic participation"; students actively participate in all facets of classroom learning and research, and many of his science students have pursued careers in medicine and health care; and

WHEREAS, students are also engaged in science research outside the classroom; Myron Blosser spearheads an annual three-day trip to the Chesapeake Bay to study watershed issues; his students also help plan an annual Shenandoah Valley Biotechnology Symposium; and

WHEREAS, every summer, Myron Blosser leads a month-long journey across the United States; a travel coach becomes a wireless learning lab, and campsites become seminar rooms as students explore global issues and discuss scientific solutions during the trip; and

WHEREAS, in the classroom and beyond, Myron Blosser's dedication to keeping science on the "cutting edge" for his students over the years helps set him apart; and

WHEREAS, widely respected by his colleagues and a member of many science committees at nearby universities, Myron Blosser has won many other teaching awards during his career; he currently is writing a book about three of his earliest teaching mentors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Myron Blosser of Eastern Mennonite School in Harrisonburg for being named the 2013 Virginia Teacher of the Year by the National Association of Biology Teachers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Myron Blosser as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his vital work of educating young people as a teacher of biology and for instilling in them a passion for learning and research.

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