

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1033

Commending Carol Smith Fenn.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, Carol Smith Fenn, an accomplished educator and administrator, will retire as superintendent of Rockingham County Public Schools on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming the first female superintendent of Rockingham County Public Schools, Carol Fenn served as a teacher, an elementary and middle school principal, director of kindergarten through 12th grade education, and assistant superintendent of personnel; and

WHEREAS, during her 10-year career as superintendent, Carol Fenn ably led 25 schools with 11,300 students and 2,500 employees and became one of the longest-serving superintendents in the region; and

WHEREAS, in addition to managing the district budget of more than \$131 million, Carol Fenn oversaw a county-wide school redistricting plan and the construction of three new schools and implemented a comprehensive plan to provide digital resources in county schools; and

WHEREAS, Carol Fenn implemented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curricula throughout the district, including at the elementary school level, and introduced courses in agricultural science, equine science, and biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, Carol Fenn hosted annual meetings with area school boards to ensure that needs were met and cultivated close ties with businesses and the community to create new opportunities for students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Carol Fenn encouraged participation in several regional academic programs and increased enrollment in the Massanutten Technical Center, which grants students industry certifications and college credits; and

WHEREAS, working to build a safe learning environment, Carol Fenn helped make Rockingham County Public Schools a leader in the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program; and

WHEREAS, under Carol Fenn's leadership, Rockingham County Public Schools earned numerous awards and accolades, including recognition through the College Board's AP District Honor Roll, the Governor's Virginia Index of Performance, and the *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of top Virginia high schools; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement, Carol Fenn plans to seek new ways to serve and enhance the Rockingham County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Carol Smith Fenn on the occasion of her retirement as superintendent of Rockingham County Public Schools in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carol Smith Fenn as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her exceptional contributions to the students of Rockingham County.

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