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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 860

Offered February 1, 2017

Commending Suzanne Gill.

Patrons—Howell, Cole and Orrock; Senator: Stuart

WHEREAS, Suzanne Gill, a highly-regarded English and journalism teacher at Stafford High School in Falmouth, was celebrated for 50 years of devotion to her profession in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Front Royal, Suzanne "Sue" Gill has been a teacher since 1965 and has taught English and journalism at Stafford High School for 44 years, including serving for 26 years as chair of the English department; and

WHEREAS, Sue Gill previously taught English and social studies at Colonial Beach High School, and she began her career teaching social studies at Madison County High School; and

WHEREAS, Sue Gill became a teacher in 1965, after receiving a bachelor's degree from James Madison University, and she earned a master's degree from the University of Virginia in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Sue Gill is the advisor for the parent newsletter, yearbook, and award-winning student newspaper at Stafford High School; and

WHEREAS, Sue Gill strongly believes in the value of critical thinking for students and society and her teaching methods encourage her students to think for themselves and make their own, well-informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, Sue Gill teaches her students the importance of separating fact from opinion and to look for facts—the who, what, when, where, why, and how—in whatever they are reading or watching; and

WHEREAS, Sue Gill has received many accolades during her accomplished career, including the Mentoring Excellence Award in *The Washington Post's* Young Journalists Development Program competition and the *Virginia Gazette* Award from the Virginia Journalism Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Sue Gill is admired for her dedication and passion by her fellow teachers and the administrators at Stafford High School, and she is also beloved by the students she mentors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Suzanne Gill, a highly-regarded English and journalism teacher at Stafford High School, on reaching the milestone of 50 years of teaching in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Suzanne Gill as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to teaching generations of the Commonwealth's citizens.

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