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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 863

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*Commending Colin Brown.*

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Colin Brown, the principal at McKinley Elementary School, was named the 2016 Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, born in Jamaica, Colin Brown received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech, a master's degree from George Mason University, and he earned an education specialist degree at the University of Virginia, where he also completed all course requirements in the educational leadership doctoral program; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator and team builder, Colin Brown is in his 24th year working in Arlington Public Schools and he began his career as a teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Colin Brown served as assistant principal at Washington-Lee High School from 1999 - 2006 and assistant principal at Tuckahoe Elementary School from 2006 - 2010, when he became principal at McKinley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at McKinley Elementary School, Colin Brown has fostered positive relationships inside and outside of the school, and he considers increased collaboration between the school and the surrounding community as his biggest accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Colin Brown encourages creativity and innovation among his staff and is an effective manager; he is admired for his intelligence, thoughtful problem solving, and open-door policy; and

WHEREAS, Colin Brown is known for his easy-going manner, sense of humor and approachability, and he has built an excellent rapport with both parents and students; and

WHEREAS, Colin Brown received the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award in 2001 and the Virginia Lottery Award for Teaching Excellence in 2002; in 2016, he was one of 17 finalists for *The Washington Post* Principal of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Colin Brown's success as an educator and administrator in Arlington Public Schools has been made possible by an excellent staff, supportive community, and outstanding students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Colin Brown, principal at McKinley Elementary School, on being named Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colin Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication and hard work to maintain the tradition of excellence at McKinley Elementary School.

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