18103604D

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 333

Offered February 22, 2018

Commending Bridget Loft.

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

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft, the head administrator of Swanson Middle School, was named the 2017 Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, an experienced educator, Bridget Loft has worked in public schools in Virginia and Florida for more than 22 years, including five years as principal of Swanson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft is a passionate lifelong learner who works to meet the academic, emotional, and social needs of her students as they prepare for further education and success as responsible citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader, Bridget Loft strives to build a culture of excellence at Swanson Middle School, and her student-centered approach gives faculty and staff the opportunity to engage directly with students; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft works to build strong, personal relationships with her students, and she is always ready to provide a friendly smile or a helpful word of encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Loft holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia as well as a master's degree from George Mason University; she previously taught high school social studies, then became assistant principal of Swanson Middle School and then Wakefield High School before returning to Swanson Middle School as principal; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington School Board presented the Principal of the Year award to Bridget Loft at a special ceremony at Washington-Lee High School on May 16, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bridget Loft on receiving the 2017 Arlington Public Schools Principal of the Year award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bridget Loft as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to serving and supporting young people in Arlington.