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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 114

Offered February 2, 2018

Commending Michelle Cottrell-Williams.

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WHEREAS, Michelle Cottrell-Williams, a social studies teacher at Wakefield High School in Arlington County Public Schools who motivates and inspires countless students, was named the 2018 Virginia Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Cottrell-Williams earned a bachelor's degree with a major in history from Utah State University and a Master of Education degree from The George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Cottrell-Williams is a dedicated teacher-leader who has assumed a wide range of roles at Wakefield High School to support and elevate the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, among her many school activities, Michelle Cottrell-Williams has served as an instructional lead teacher, a member of the Project LEAD team, a member of the Wakefield High School Internal Modifications Committee for Design and Construction, a Blackboard Course Mentor for Secondary T-Scale New Hires, and chair of the Social Studies Department; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Cottrell-Williams has reached out beyond her school by assuming other division and statewide roles, including as a Virginia Department of Education Standards of Learning Trainer for Regions 4 and 5, a planner and organizer for the We Are All Arlington! Daytime Student Event, and a speaker at various events; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Cottrell-Williams received the Virginia Teacher of the Year award at a special ceremony in Richmond on September 18, 2017, and she represented the Commonwealth as a nominee for the 2018 National Teacher of the Year award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michelle Cottrell-Williams on being named the 2018 Virginia Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michelle Cottrell-Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to serving, teaching, and inspiring the students of Arlington and the Commonwealth.

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