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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 181

Offered February 4, 2020

*Commending the Westfield High School HACE program.*

Patrons—Delaney, Hope and Ware; Senators: Bell, Boysko and Howell

WHEREAS, the Westfield High School HACE program, an intervention program at Westfield High School in Chantilly serving the school's ESOL students, received a Fairfax County Public Schools Excellence Award in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Excellence Awards recognize contributions by FCPS employees that produce outstanding results and further the mission and vision of FCPS, with nomination categories that align with each school system's goals; and

WHEREAS, receiving the award in the "Student Achievement" category, Westfield High School's Hispanos Al Camino Exitoso (HACE) program was recognized for its successful implementation of interventions that encourage student engagement and promote their success; and

WHEREAS, led by Geneva Ardalán, Dana E. Garcia, Kristi L. Layman, and Elvira Nicole Tifft, the Westfield High School HACE program is designed to help its participants feel invested in their education and supported in their quest to graduate; and

WHEREAS, reaching 30 to 50 ESOL students through open, bimonthly meetings, the Westfield High School HACE program enables individuals to voice their concerns and work through the challenges of graduating; and

WHEREAS, members of the Hispanic community are often invited to speak at Westfield High School HACE meetings, sharing their paths to success and providing students with invaluable wisdom and guidance; and

WHEREAS, many participants in the Westfield High School HACE program improve their overall attendance and actively plan to graduate and attend college, a testament to the success of the program's efforts and strategies; and

WHEREAS, cultivating a sense of inclusivity, belonging, and purpose, the Westfield High School HACE program has made great strides toward helping its participants graduate and go on to lead happy and fulfilling lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Westfield High School HACE program, an intervention program serving ESOL students at Westfield High School in Chantilly, for receiving a 2019 Fairfax County Public Schools Excellence Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Westfield High School HACE program as an expression of the General Assembly's profound respect and admiration for the program's contributions to Fairfax and the Commonwealth.

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