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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 347

Offered February 27, 2020

*Commending Wilson Ramirez.*

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

WHEREAS, Wilson Ramirez, an esteemed world languages teacher at Washington-Liberty High School, was selected by Arlington Public Schools as a 2019 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 25-year career, Wilson Ramirez has worked as an educator in his home country of Colombia, as well as Spain and multiple states in the United States; he taught Spanish at Woodson High School in Fairfax County before joining what is now Washington-Liberty High School in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Ramirez tailors his teaching style to each class by building strong, personal relationships with his students; he strives to create an energetic, welcoming environment in his classroom through his unparalleled enthusiasm for learning and his unique cultural perspectives; and

WHEREAS, well known for his dedication and willingness to support others, Wilson Ramirez accepted extra classes during his first year at Washington-Liberty High School when another teacher was unable to return due to an illness; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Ramirez's exceptional performance resulted in a significant increase in enrollment for both international baccalaureate Spanish language and Spanish literature courses during the 2017-2018 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Ramirez has received the 2018 Victoria D. de Sanchez Northern Virginia Hispanic Teacher of the Year Award from the Hispanic Youth Foundation of Northern Virginia and was recognized as a finalist for the *Washington Post* 2019 Teacher of the Year Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Wilson Ramirez on his selection as Arlington Public Schools' 2019 Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Wilson Ramirez as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment to students and passion for lifelong learning.

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