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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 218

Offered March 2, 2020

*Commending Kimberly Wilson.*

Patrons—Ebbin, Barker and Saslaw; Delegates: Herring and Levine

WHEREAS, Kimberly Wilson, a teacher at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, was named the Association for Career and Technical Education's 2019 National Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Career and Technical Education's award recognizes teachers who further career and technical education at the middle and secondary school levels through innovation in the classroom, commitment to the students, and dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences with a minor in business from Virginia State University and later, after beginning her teaching career, received a master's degree in family and consumer sciences from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, for the past 28 years, Kimberly Wilson has served students and families of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), first at Francis C. Hammond Middle School and, most recently, for nine years at T.C. Williams High School; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Wilson currently teaches courses, such as "Early Childhood Education" and "Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow," designed for students who are interested in pursuing careers in education; in addition to teaching at T.C. Williams High School, Kimberly Wilson is also a mentor coordinator for new teachers in her building; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Wilson has inspired graduates to dedicate their careers to teaching with ACPS and assisted them along the way, setting up more than 100 placements in internships, field assignments, and full-time jobs for those who have earned their Childhood Development Associate Credential through her class; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known to students as "Momma Wilson," Kimberly Wilson teaches with the mentality that her students come first and foremost, emphasizing their potential to succeed no matter what their prior experiences may be; and

WHEREAS, by cultivating her students' ambitions through engaging and transformative lessons and preparing the next generation of educators in the Commonwealth, Kimberly Wilson has touched the lives of countless individuals and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kimberly Wilson, longtime educator with Alexandria City Public Schools, for being named the Association for Career and Technical Education's 2019 National Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kimberly Wilson as an expression of the General Assembly's wholehearted admiration and respect for her contributions to Alexandria and the Commonwealth.

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