

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 343

Commending Arlene Randall.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Arlene Randall, the longtime principal of Cooper Middle School in McLean who has served Fairfax County Public Schools with passion and distinction for many years, retired on February 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, after teaching for several years in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Arlene Randall embarked upon an illustrious career as an education administrator, serving initially as assistant principal of Longfellow Middle School in McLean from 1993 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Randall transferred in 1997 to Cooper Middle School in McLean, where she served the remainder of her career, taking over leadership of the school as its principal more than 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Randall's teaching philosophy emphasized connectedness and caring for one's community, ensuring that all of her students were engaged in valuable social-emotional learning alongside their standard curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Randall has held education leadership roles beyond Cooper Middle School, supporting several professional organizations, including the Middle School Principals Association, which she served as president from 2007 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her accomplishments as an education administrator, Arlene Randall received an honorary life membership to the Virginia PTA, and under her leadership, Cooper Middle School was the recipient of the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence in 2017, 2018, and 2019; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades with Fairfax County Public Schools, Arlene Randall has inspired her students and staff to succeed both in and out of the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Arlene Randall hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement as principal of Cooper Middle School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Arlene Randall as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her service on behalf of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth and best wishes for the future.

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