HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

Commending Tracey Curcio.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2022

WHEREAS, Tracey Curcio, a mathematics instructional designer at Elizabeth Scott Elementary School in Chesterfield County, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Curcio was one of two educators in the Commonwealth and one of 117 educators nationwide to be recognized with what is considered the nation's top honor for mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, the National Science Foundation bestows this prestigious award on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to celebrate teachers who have demonstrated deep content knowledge, improved student learning through the development and implementation of high-quality instructional programs, and worked tirelessly to meet the learning needs of their students; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Curcio's training as an elementary school educator included a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Louisville, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Kansas State University, and a master's degree in elementary reading and mathematics from Walden University; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Curcio has dedicated 11 of her 15 years as an educator to Elizabeth Scott Elementary School, where she is now the school's instructional designer, including nine years teaching mathematics and two years teaching fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, as a Title I mathematics specialist, Tracey Curcio mentors and supports her colleagues in myriad ways, providing guidance that enhances their instructional practices, while leading small group interventions for students in need of extra assistance; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Curcio has transformed the curriculum at Elizabeth Scott Elementary School by encouraging her students to have greater interaction with their coursework and by offering her colleagues professional development sessions that inform their instructional methods and strategies; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Curcio has served as a member of the Virginia Department of Education's Standards of Learning review committee and is currently the secretary for the Greater Richmond Council of Teachers of Mathematics, sharing her expertise for the benefit of schools throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Tracey Curcio, an instructional designer at Elizabeth Scott Elementary School, hereby be commended for receiving a 2021 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tracey Curcio as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.