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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 664

Offered May 25, 2022

Commending Kristi Martin.

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WHEREAS, Kristi Martin, a fourth grade teacher at Westside Elementary School in Roanoke, was named Teacher of the Year by Roanoke City Public Schools on April 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Martin was selected from among 28 school finalists by a committee of Roanoke City Public Schools (RCPS) representatives, including employees, retirees, and the 2021 Teacher of the Year awardee; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Martin was recognized by RCPS for demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to the well-being of her students both in and out of the classroom and for exemplifying the virtues of servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining RCPS, Kristi Martin graduated from the University of Virginia and worked for Sylvan Learning and HoneyTree Early Learning Centers in Roanoke, acquiring experience that would inform her approach to elementary school education; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Martin has taught at Westside Elementary School with great joy and enthusiasm for 13 years, making a positive and transformative impact on the school's culture and its community in that time; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Martin has provided valuable guidance to her fellow educators at Westside Elementary School in her capacities as fourth grade team leader, member of the School Improvement Team Committee, and mentor to new teachers and student-teachers; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Martin's role as a leader both at her school and across the division was on display as her classroom was used to showcase the new RCPS reading curriculum, "Wit and Wisdom," for the benefit of RCPS teachers, a neighboring school division, and professors from Radford University; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Martin remains steadfastly dedicated to meeting the needs of her students so that they may succeed both in the classroom and in life, earning the respect and esteem of Virginians across the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Kristi Martin hereby be commended for being named the 2022 Roanoke City Public Schools 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 Kristi Martin as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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