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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 642**

Offered May 31, 2022

Commending Ronald Evans.

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WHEREAS, Ronald Evans, a culinary arts teacher at Potomac High School in Dumfries, received the 2022 Virginia ProStart Educator Excellence Award from the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association Education Foundation for his outstanding contributions to career education; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Evans received the Virginia ProStart Educator Excellence Award for his work to strengthen the food service industry by providing relevant instruction on culinary skills and restaurant management principles to high school students; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ronald Evans went above and beyond to stay engaged with students by providing biweekly bags of food supplies and demonstrating recipes on Zoom, ensuring students could continue to hone their culinary skills and build confidence when in-person instruction was unavailable; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Evans also hosted a weekly Zoom event, "Talk to Me Chef," which gave students opportunities to meet and learn from chefs from all over the country; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of the Virginia ProStart Educator Excellence Award, Ronald Evans is eligible for the James H. Maynard Teacher of the Year Award presented by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and Golden Corral; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Ronald Evans, the winner of the Virginia ProStart Educator Excellence Award, hereby be commended for his achievement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ronald Evans as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his innovative leadership in culinary education.