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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 780

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Karen Corbett Sanders.

Patrons—Krizek, Filler-Corn, Kory, Murphy and Sickles; Senators: Ebbin and Surovell

WHEREAS, during her two terms on the Fairfax County School Board, Karen Corbett Sanders has worked diligently to support teachers, staff members, and students and promote excellence in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, a Mount Vernon native, Karen Corbett Sanders attended Fairfax County Public Schools and graduated from Groveton High School in 1979; she holds degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Boston University; and

WHEREAS, Karen Corbett Sanders is a retired international business executive who served as a senior vice president of Verizon Communications; she is also a co-owner of Four Sales, Ltd., a local estate auction company, and has been a community advocate for health care and education issues; and

WHEREAS, before running for Fairfax County School Board, Karen Corbett Sanders was an active parent, volunteer, and leader in a parent teacher association, school booster club, and the Girl Scouts of the USA; and

WHEREAS, Karen Corbett Sanders was elected to her first term on the Fairfax County School Board in 2015 and subsequently served as the board chair and as legislative liaison; she ably met the unique challenges faced by Fairfax County Public Schools as the largest school division in the Commonwealth, serving more than 185,000 students; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Fairfax County School Board, Karen Corbett Sanders prioritized equity in excellence, ensuring that all children had the best opportunities to learn and succeed; and

WHEREAS, Karen Corbett Sanders oversaw numerous enhancements to Fairfax County Public Schools and helped guide the school division through the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Karen Corbett Sanders has also served the Mount Vernon community on the THRIVE Advisory Committee for the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Quality Board of Inova Children's Hospital, and the Regional Board for Virginia Odyssey of the Mind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Karen Corbett Sanders for her service as a member of the Fairfax County School Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Corbett Sanders as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements in service to young people in Fairfax County.

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