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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 810

Offered February 20, 2023

*Commending Cindy Downing.*

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WHEREAS, Cindy Downing, a history and social studies teacher at South County Middle School in Lorton, was named the South County Pyramid Outstanding Secondary Teacher in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Downing has fostered a learning environment at South County Middle School that nurtures the academic, social, and emotional well-being of her students; and

WHEREAS, through an emphasis on organizational methods and executive skills, Cindy Downing has prepared her students for successful futures and lifetime learning; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Downing developed a peer-tutoring program that has been a valuable resource for many students, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic when public health protocols disrupted normal classroom activities; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Downing has given her students the opportunity to learn through service; under her leadership, students supported the Honor Flight program by preparing fleece blankets to show their appreciation for the nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Downing has conducted outreach and developed international partnerships, including with schools in Japan, Vietnam, the Philippines, and France, through projects exploring the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, leaving her students with broader and more global perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Downing has built lasting and supportive relationships with her colleagues at South County Middle School, providing many with support and guidance that have helped them succeed in their own classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Downing has demonstrated an ability to continually adapt to the diverse needs of her students while remaining apprised of educational best practices, becoming a valued contributor to curriculum development at both the district and state levels; and

WHEREAS, through her steadfast dedication to her students and colleagues and an unwavering commitment to excellence, Cindy Downing embodies the ideals of the education profession and serves as an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cindy Downing for being named the 2023 South County Pyramid Outstanding Secondary Teacher; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cindy Downing as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to education in the Commonwealth.

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