

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 331

Commending Katherine Doctor.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Katherine Doctor, an educator in the Health Professions and Therapies Specialty Center at Monacan High School, was named the Chesterfield County Public Schools Teacher of the Year for 2023; and

WHEREAS, Katherine "Kate" Doctor was selected as Chesterfield County High School Teacher of the Year on her way to receiving her districtwide honor and will now represent the division in the Department of Education's competition for Region 1 Teacher of the Year later this year; and

WHEREAS, Kate Doctor is a product of Chesterfield County Public Schools and has been an educator with the division since 2005 after discovering a passion for teaching while working as a certified athletic trainer; and

WHEREAS, on her path to becoming an educator, Kate Doctor graduated from Midlothian High School and earned a bachelor's degree in athletic training from East Carolina University and a bachelor's degree in education from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, as an educator in the Health Professions and Therapies Specialty Center at Monacan High School, Kate Doctor teaches sports medicine, exercise science, and introduction to health and medical science; and

WHEREAS, Kate Doctor has demonstrated extraordinary care and compassion in her work and has placed an emphasis on fostering positive relationships with her students, contributing greatly to their academic, social, and emotional success; and

WHEREAS, Kate Doctor helps her students engage with and better understand the concepts they are learning by connecting their classroom instruction with real-world experiences and applications, including shadowing Monacan High School's certified athletic trainer at home football games; and

WHEREAS, Kate Doctor has often drawn on her extensive professional network to incorporate seminars and guest speakers into her curriculum, amplifying her lessons for the benefit of her students; and

WHEREAS, beyond the classroom, Kate Doctor is active with HOSA-Future Health Professionals, guiding students through the organization's co-curricular program at the school, state, and national levels and preparing them to become leaders in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her efforts as an educator, Kate Doctor was recently named Athletic Training Educator of the Year by the Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association, notably becoming the first secondary school educator to win the award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Katherine Doctor hereby be commended for being named the 2023 Chesterfield County 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 Katherine Doctor as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth and her dedication to her students.

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