HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 462

Commending Thea Fraser.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser, a first grade teacher at Hunt Valley Elementary School in Springfield, was named the Fairfax County Public Schools Region 4 Outstanding Elementary New Teacher in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Hunt Valley Elementary School encourages its students to explore their talents, strengths, and passions; to achieve their highest academic potential; and to become productive, empathetic, responsible, and well-rounded members of the community and empowers them to be ready for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the needs of students are a top priority at Hunt Valley Elementary School, where dedicated professionals work exceptionally hard to foster a collaborative learning environment that motivates students and prepares them to effectively meet the challenges of the future; and

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser joined Fairfax County Public Schools in July 2019 after earning a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and a master's degree in elementary education and teaching from James Madison University in 2018 and 2019, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser builds a foundation for her teaching by developing nurturing relationships among students, families, and staff, and she works tirelessly to ensure that her students feel valued and that they have a strong sense of belonging and community; and

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser holds each of her students to high standards and cultivates a learning environment in her classroom that empowers, supports, and encourages them to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser approaches her students as both learners and people and strives to provide equitable opportunities for all members of her classroom; and

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser employs pioneering practices aligned with the science of reading in her classroom, fostering the growth and maturation of her students as readers and learners; and

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser challenges herself to better serve her students by seeking professional learning experiences, collaborating with staff and families, implementing feedback, and trying new strategies; and

WHEREAS, Thea Fraser's recent recognition is a testament to her unwavering commitment to the students, staff, and families of Hunt Valley Elementary School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Thea Fraser hereby be commended for being named the Fairfax County Public Schools 2022 Region 4 Outstanding Elementary New Teacher; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Thea Fraser as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.