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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 236

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Commending Lauren Shifflett.

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WHEREAS, Lauren Shifflett, a fourth grade teacher at South River Elementary School in Rockingham County, was presented with a John Morton Excellence in the Teaching of Economics Award by the Council for Economic Education in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Shifflett was honored by the Council for Economic Education for her innovative approach to teaching financial literacy and money management to her students; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that her students did not adequately understand the concept of cash flow, Lauren Shifflett developed a lesson plan wherein her students would interact with one another in an imagined economy, with each student getting a job and an income and being responsible for supplies, rent, and other costs; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Shifflett's first iteration of this lesson plan, "Superville Shifflett: Soaring Together," involved her first grade students at Elkton Elementary School working collectively to develop a self-sufficient and thriving economic society; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Lauren Shifflett's "Superville Shifflett" lesson plan was recognized with an award for outstanding economics or personal finance lesson from the Virginia Council on Economic Education; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Shifflett was subsequently nominated for the John Morton Award by John Kruggel, associate director of the Center for Economic Education at James Madison University and coordinator for Your Economic Success, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting economic and financial literacy in the Shenandoah Valley; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Shifflett continues to develop her techniques and has since created similar lesson plans in which her classroom was transformed into a fish market, a flower shop, and a zoo, building immersive worlds in which her students can engage with real-world concepts in fun and memorable ways; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Shifflett has demonstrated a deep commitment to the success of her fellow educators, assuming a leadership role at James Madison University's Center for Economic Education, where she provides workshops to share best practices for teaching economics to young people; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Shifflett's thorough understanding of her students and how they learn has enabled her to connect with them in a way that fosters their ability to think critically and creatively, priming them to achieve greatness both in the classroom and throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lauren Shifflett, a fourth grade teacher at South River Elementary School, for receiving a 2021 John Morton Excellence in the Teaching of Economics Award; and, be it

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

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