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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 168

Offered March 9, 2022

Commending Linda Peace.

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WHEREAS, Linda Peace, principal at Keene Mill Elementary School in Springfield, was named Fairfax County Public Schools' Region 4 Outstanding New Principal in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Linda Peace joined Fairfax County Public Schools as a classroom teacher in 1991 and held positions as a school counselor, college partnership high school specialist, and a LEAD Fairfax program intern before becoming the assistant principal of Shreveview Elementary School in Falls Church in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Shreveview Elementary School, Linda Peace was also assistant principal at Fort Belvoir Elementary School from November 2013 to October 2017 and Clermont Elementary School in Alexandria from July 2018 to July 2021, and also previously served as a human resources special project manager from October 2017 to July 2018; and

WHEREAS, as the principal of Keene Mill Elementary School since 2021, Linda Peace has established meaningful relationships with her students and supported her teachers by being a regular presence in their classrooms and throughout the school; and

WHEREAS, Linda Peace encourages model behavior from her students at Keene Mill Elementary School, spending time with them individually as necessary, while also supporting them with positive reinforcement whenever she can; and

WHEREAS, Linda Peace has proven herself capable of responding in a calm and collected manner to the challenges and problems that may arise each day, an attribute that has been instrumental to her success as an elementary school principal; and

WHEREAS, Linda Peace stresses safety and wellness at Keene Mill School and has been a stabilizing force throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, helping her students and teachers navigate the many difficult and unprecedented challenges they face; and

WHEREAS, Linda Peace advocates tirelessly on behalf of both her students and educators and their academic and emotional needs, ensuring that everyone in the Keene Mill School community feels welcomed, accepted, and prepared to learn and teach; and

WHEREAS, Linda Peace often finds ways to bring levity to the school day, either by challenging a neighboring school's faculty to a dance contest, singing karaoke with her fifth graders in the morning, or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, Linda Peace's recent recognition is a testament to her unwavering commitment to the students, staff, and families of Keene Mill Elementary School and to advancing the school's vision that "Keene Mill Elementary School empowers today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Linda Peace hereby be commended for being named the Fairfax County Public Schools 2022 Region 4 Outstanding New Principal; and, be it

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

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