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1   **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 758**
2   Offered February 17, 2025
3 *Commending Geraldine Maskelony.*
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Patrons—Lopez, Callsen, Clark, Cole, Cordoza, Green, Herring, Hope, Keys-Gamarra, Maldonado,
      Martinez, McClure, McQuinn, Rasoul, Ware and Watts; Senators: Diggs, Ebbin, Favola, Hashmi, Rouse,
      Salim and Williams Graves

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6   WHEREAS, Geraldine Maskelony, a statistics and mathematics teacher with the Arlington Tech program
7 of Arlington County Public Schools, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and
8 Science Teaching, the nation's most prestigious honor for teachers of science, technology, engineering, and
9 mathematics, in January 2025; and
10   WHEREAS, Geraldine "Gerri" Maskelony holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of
11 Virginia, a master's degree in statistics from George Mason University, and a master's degree in music from
12 Anderson University; and
13   WHEREAS, Gerri Maskelony previously worked as a statistician and operations researcher before
14 beginning her career as an educator in 2007, enabling her to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to
15 her lessons in statistics; and
16   WHEREAS, after teaching instrumental music at several public and private schools in the
17 Commonwealth, Gerri Maskelony has been with the Arlington Career Center and the Arlington Tech
18 program for several years; and
19   WHEREAS, in addition to teaching high school students in dual-enrolled statistics, quantitative analysis,
20 and data science in a project-based early-college program, Gerri Maskelony also serves as the Arlington
21 Career Center's STEM and project-based learning coordinator and as an adjunct statistics professor at
22 Northern Virginia Community College; and
23   WHEREAS, Gerri Maskelony cultivates her students' comprehension of the material by creating project-
24 based learning opportunities that allow them to use their knowledge of statistics to research questions or
25 datasets they find engaging and to explore how statistics and data science may be applied in the real world;
      and
26   WHEREAS, Gerri Maskelony has advanced mathematics education at both the local and state level
27 through her participation in various education conferences and webinars and has been the beneficiary of
28 several professional development grants from entities such as the National Aeronautics and Space
29 Administration and the National Endowment for the Humanities; and
30   WHEREAS, with integrity, compassion, and dedication to her students and fellow faculty members, Gerri
31 Maskelony has embodied the ideals of the teaching profession, earning her the esteem and admiration of all
32 Virginians; now, therefore, be it
33   RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
34 commend Geraldine Maskelony for receiving the 2025 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics
35 and Science Teaching; and, be it
36   RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
37 presentation to Geraldine Maskelony as an expression of the General Assembly's high regard for her
38 contributions to education in the Commonwealth.