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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 900

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending Lalisha Fitchett.

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WHEREAS, Lalisha Fitchett, an English teacher at Brandon Middle School in Virginia Beach, was named the 2026 Virginia Beach City Public Schools Citywide Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Lalisha Fitchett has 25 years of experience as an educator and has been a member of the faculty at Brandon Middle School, where she currently teaches seventh grade, for the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, Lalisha Fitchett works tirelessly to create a positive and supportive learning environment that nurtures the academic, social, and emotional well-being of her students; and

WHEREAS, Lalisha Fitchett prepares her students for success both in and out of the classroom by emphasizing with them the importance of respect, consistency, and constructive behavior; and

WHEREAS, Lalisha Fitchett serves as the head cheerleading coach at Brandon Middle School and led the program to a Virginia High School League state championship last year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching and coaching, Lalisha Fitchett supports the Brandon Middle School community by serving as the English 7 department chair, yearbook sponsor, and professional learning community lead for her English team, as well as through her involvement with the school's instructional leadership team and its Grief Sensitive Initiative; and

WHEREAS, with great enthusiasm for teaching and an unwavering commitment to the students and families she serves, Lalisha Fitchett has embodied the ideals of the education profession, earning the esteem and admiration of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Lalisha Fitchett hereby be commended for being named the 2026 Virginia Beach City Public Schools Citywide 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 Lalisha Fitchett as an expression of the House of Delegates' high regard for her contributions to the education of young people in Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth.

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