

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 874

Commending Emily Burrell.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Emily Burrell, a math teacher at South Lakes High School in Fairfax County, was presented the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching by President Joe Biden on January 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Emily Burrell was one of 306 teachers in the United States recognized with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, which is the United States Government's highest honor for K-12 math and science educators; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining South Lakes High School, Emily Burrell taught at Wakefield High School in Arlington for 11 years and at Fairfax High School for two years; she holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Virginia and both a master of education degree in secondary mathematics and a master's certificate in education policy from George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, Emily Burrell has been a member of the faculty at South Lakes High School for a decade and teaches ninth through 12th grade mathematics, including functions and data analysis, algebra II, and International Baccalaureate mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Emily Burrell's lessons employ collaborative learning, real-world applications, and project-based assessments, which help her students develop mastery of new mathematical concepts while building self-confidence and agency; and

WHEREAS, Emily Burrell works tirelessly to cultivate a learning environment that challenges her students to achieve their full potential while nurturing their physical, social, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, Emily Burrell's award is a testament to her unwavering commitment to her students, her fellow faculty members, and the entire South Lakes High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Emily Burrell hereby be commended for receiving a 2024 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Emily Burrell as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the education of young people in the Commonwealth.

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