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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring educators and education support professionals in this
2 Commonwealth for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 WHEREAS, Educators perform the critical role of educating
4 students in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the educational
6 process has completely changed requiring educators to adapt to
7 new ways of teaching and interacting with their students; and

8 WHEREAS, Educators have gone above and beyond their normal
9 duties to ensure that their students continue to learn and help
10 their students adjust to the changing environment; and

11 WHEREAS, Educators deserve to be acknowledged and applauded
12 for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, Many educators have delivered food and visited the
14 homes of their students; and

15 WHEREAS, In an effort to continue the educational process
16 while social distancing, some educators have even taught

1 students from their front lawns; and

2 WHEREAS, Administrators and teachers have been working
3 tirelessly to prepare for a safe school year and responding to
4 questions and concerns from parents and school staff; and

5 WHEREAS, Educational support professionals, including food
6 service workers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians and
7 maintenance personnel have played a critical role in supporting
8 students and meeting their needs since schools were closed last
9 spring and will be critical in ensuring a safe return to school;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Educators include nurses, counselors, psychologists,
12 social workers and others who are responsible for supporting the
13 full range of student health and wellness; and

14 WHEREAS, Educators have also continued their important role
15 in reporting suspected child abuse; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor educators
17 and education support professionals in this Commonwealth for
18 their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
20 educators as heroes for their evolutionary and out-of-the-box
21 thinking during this challenging time.