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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Offered February 21, 2001

Commending Mary Etta Brown.

Patrons—Christian, Barlow, Crittenden, Darner, Diamonstein, Grayson, Hamilton, Jones, J.C., Larrabee, Van
Landingham and Watts

WHEREAS, Mary Etta Brown, principal of Paul D. Burbank Elementary School in Hampton, was
named Virginia's National Distinguished Principal for 2000; and

WHEREAS, the National Distinguished Principal award is sponsored by the Virginia Association of
Elementary School Principals and recognizes Mary Etta Brown's exceptional achievements as an
educator; and

WHEREAS, Mary Etta Brown earned her bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University, her
master's degree from the University of Virginia, and her doctorate in education from George Washington
University; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming principal of Paul D. Burbank Elementary School in 1992, Dr. Brown
was a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher in the Hampton public schools and served for three years as
principal of Jane H. Bryan Elementary School in Hampton; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown implemented Virginia's first International Baccalaureate Primary Years
program, which determines effective instructional practices, enables students to take responsibility for
their learning, and is an effective system for teaching the Standards of Learning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is actively involved in a variety of professional and community
organizations, including the Virginia and National Associations of Elementary School Principals, the
National Reading Association, the National Association of Early Childhood Education, and the Hampton
City Neighborhood Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has been previously recognized by the Hampton Council of PTAs, which
named her Elementary Principal of the Year in 2000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Mary Etta Brown be commended on being named
Virginia's National Distinguished Principal for 2000; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
for presentation to Mary Etta Brown as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and
gratitude for her visionary leadership and exceptional dedication to the education of the young people of
Hampton.

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