

2006 SESSION

ENROLLED

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 506

Commending North Springfield Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2006

Agreed to by the Senate, March 11, 2006

WHEREAS, North Springfield Elementary School, one of Fairfax County's finest elementary schools, celebrates its 50th anniversary in October 2006; and

WHEREAS, North Springfield Elementary, housed in four rental homes on Axton Street, opened in 1956; the actual school building was constructed in 1957 and opened to students that same year; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 North Springfield was the largest elementary school in Fairfax County with an enrollment of 1,015 students; today a comfortable-size student body of 511 students fills North Springfield's halls; and

WHEREAS, North Springfield, initially serving students from kindergarten to the sixth grade, has supported a great variety of programs throughout the years including a center for students with emotional disabilities, classes for students with special needs, and a school-based program for talented and gifted students; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990s, a preschool program that included both Head Start and preschool special education was added to the North Springfield curriculum, which now has students enrolled through the fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, a school with a diverse student body, North Springfield serves students from over 100 different countries and accommodates students through an active, school-based ESOL, English Speakers of Other Languages, program; and

WHEREAS, North Springfield's very involved and dynamic Parent Teacher Organization coordinates the family fun fair, sports clinics, PTO dinners, and a family picnic in the spring; and

WHEREAS, North Springfield Elementary School is committed to providing instructional programs that ensure the opportunity for the development of each child socially, morally, aesthetically, academically, and physically; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend North Springfield Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Alice Alexander, principal of North Springfield Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

ENROLLED

HJ506ER