SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Commending the Virginia School Boards Association on the occasion of its 100th birthday.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 12, 2006 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2006

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Virginia School Boards Association, a voluntary organization that is committed to quality education throughout the Commonwealth, celebrates its 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1906, the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) is a private, self-supporting, nonpartisan organization that advances and promotes educational excellence for all of Virginia's public school students through the unique American tradition of local citizen control of, and accountability for, the Commonwealth's public schools; and

WHEREAS, the VSBA represents the Commonwealth's 134 school boards, which in turn develop the educational policies that govern the schools attended by 100 percent of the public school children in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the VSBA is to provide member boards with quality services, training, advocacy, and support so that they may exercise effective leadership in public school governance; and

WHEREAS, the VSBA represents the interests of the Commonwealth's school boards before the legislature, state agencies, Congress, and state and national regulatory bodies; and

WHEREAS, the VSBA is a superlative and invaluable organization that supports and serves the local public school boards and all of the young people of Virginia with great care and competence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Virginia School Boards Association on the occasion of its 100th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia School Boards Association as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for its many contributions to the welfare of local school boards and its outstanding service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.