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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 505

Offered February 27, 2008

Commending Jay E. VanGelder.

Patrons—Lingamfelter, Athey and Cole; Senators: Stuart and Vogel

WHEREAS, Jay E. VanGelder was elected to the Fauquier County School Board in 2003 by the citizens of Cedar Run District, and he served as a dedicated member of the board until 2007; and

WHEREAS, the school board elected Jay VanGelder to serve as chairman in 2005 and 2006, and he also served as the vice-chairman in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the leadership provided by Jay VanGelder led to improved relations between the Fauquier County School Board and the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, focusing on the improvement of the quality of education and the county's learning facilities; and

WHEREAS, Jay VanGelder's steady leadership and decisions as the chairman supported the board during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, Jay VanGelder was active in obtaining increased compensation for Fauquier County public school teachers and staff and providing the public schools with the innovative technology tools necessary to provide a better education for each student; and

WHEREAS, Jay VanGelder's devotion to improved public education and dedication to the school board has contributed to better schools and a higher quality of life for all citizens of Fauquier County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jay E. VanGelder for his service and leadership on the Fauquier County School Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jay E. VanGelder as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his outstanding commitment to education.