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Commending Ocean View Elementary School.

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WHEREAS, Ocean View Elementary School, an outstanding Norfolk public school, was honored as a United States Department of Education *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon School on October 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, to be named a Blue Ribbon School is to join a very elite group of 5,800 schools that have won the coveted award over its 26-year history; in 2008 more than 130,000 schools in the United States were considered and only 320 schools were honored; and

WHEREAS, Ocean View Elementary School was one of seven Virginia public elementary schools and four private schools to receive the 2008 *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon School designation; the school received a plaque and a flag signifying its Blue Ribbon status; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, when the Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition Program was founded, more than 100 Virginia public and private schools have been honored by the program, which recognizes public and private K-12 schools that are academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, led by Principal Lauren D. Campsen, Ocean View Elementary School is an exceptional school with enthusiastic, innovative and caring educators who help children achieve at very high academic levels; and

WHEREAS, Ocean View Elementary School benefits from the strong support of the Norfolk Public Schools and the members of the Norfolk School Board; and

WHEREAS, Ocean View Elementary School's distinguished Blue Ribbon School award is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the school's students, parents, teachers and staff, and the Ocean View community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Ocean View Elementary School as a recipient of the United States Department of Education *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon School award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lauren D. Campsen, principal of Ocean View Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for the school's commitment to the young people of Norfolk and the Commonwealth.

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