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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 935

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Commending Frank W. Cox High School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Patrons—Purkey, Iaquinto, Knight, Stolle, Tata and Villanueva; Senators: Blevins, McWaters and Wagner

WHEREAS, in 2011 Frank W. Cox High School will celebrate 50 years of providing quality education to the students of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Frank W. Cox High School, founded in 1961, is a public high school in the largest school division, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in Hampton Roads and southeastern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the school, commonly referred to as Cox High School, is named after the former superintendent of Virginia Beach City/Princess Anne County Public Schools, Frank Woodward Cox, who led the school division from 1933 until 1968; and

WHEREAS, the first senior class graduated from Cox High School on June 11, 1965, from the school's former building; the school's current building opened in the fall of 1983 with thousands of proud Falcons graduating since; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Cox High School is "Dedicated to Excellence...Striving for Perfection," and its motto is *Hic Venio, Laboro, Cognosco*, Here I come, I work, I learn; and

WHEREAS, Cox High School was the first high school in Hampton Roads to earn full accreditation under the Commonwealth's Standards of Learning and continues to meet and surpass all local, state, and federal academic guidelines; and

WHEREAS, hard work by the school's educators to challenge students with advanced placement, college level courses and tests was recognized by a notable national publication, *Newsweek* magazine, which named Cox High School as one of the top 2.5 percent of all public high schools in the United States in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Cox High School was the first winner of the Virginia High School League Wachovia Cup for the Commonwealth's best overall record in Group AAA athletic competition in 1990 and has gone on to win the same award 11 more times—in 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010; and

WHEREAS, the seal of Cox High School includes a shield for security; the school's mascot, a falcon, for courage; a quill and scroll for the search for knowledge and ability to reason; a dogwood branch representing Virginia's official state flower; and a seahorse for the school's proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, Frank W. Cox High School's 50th anniversary celebration week, March 21 - 25, 2011, provides an opportunity for all persons with a connection to the school to proudly wear the school's colors of green and gold while gathering to reminisce, to make new memories, and to set goals for the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Frank W. Cox High 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 Dr. Brian K. Matney, principal of Frank W. Cox High School, as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the school for its dedicated service to the students of Virginia Beach.

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