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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 950

Offered February 18, 2013

Commending Washington Mill Elementary School.

Patrons—Surovell and Albo; Senators: Ebbin and Puller

WHEREAS, in 2013 Washington Mill Elementary School in Alexandria will proudly celebrate 50 years of providing a quality education to its students in its building; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School, built on land once owned by George Washington and officially located in the backyard of Mount Vernon, is equally proud of its past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the land where George Washington once walked continues to serve as a farm and Washington Mill Elementary School draws upon its close proximity for inspiration as it plants the seeds of a solid education for its students; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School began with an initial school enrollment of approximately 250 community students in grades one through six and today has an enrollment of 657 students; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School underwent a large renovation in 1996 to add an additional hallway and added a 10-room modular facility in 2007 in response to a rapidly growing community of families; and

WHEREAS, as schools across the nation also began to implement full-day kindergarten, Washington Mill Elementary School began full-day kindergarten classes in the 2003 - 2004 school year; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Washington Mill Elementary School continued to stay abreast of technological changes, added a playground, and created an English for Speakers of Other Languages program to better meet the needs of its students; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School continues to this day to work with students, parents, and the community to offer students a continuum of services to meet each individual's unique needs and to maximize their achievement; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Washington Mill Elementary School will implement an English and Spanish Immersion Program to develop students' cross-cultural understanding and global perspective; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School continues to use the latest technology with the help of its technology specialists; the school has Smart Boards in every classroom and mobile labs available to all grade levels; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School also weaves technology into the curriculum, including a computer, curriculum-based math program in grades four through six, while continuing to emphasize basic skills; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Washington Mill Elementary School has and continues to offer advanced academic opportunities to identified students from all backgrounds, including the Young Scholars program and full-day programs; it also offers a range of afterschool programs; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School enjoys rich diversity in its population and the school community views diversity as a strength that adds to a multicultural educational program; the community also celebrates family heritage through a yearly program focusing on each student's family history; and

WHEREAS, while the school mascot has remained the Colonials throughout its 50-year history, the school colors have changed many times by student vote and are currently red, white, and blue; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School supports the parent-teacher association and the school community continues to work in partnership to benefit student success and achievement both in the classroom and on the school grounds; and

WHEREAS, Washington Mill Elementary School continues to provide an outstanding education to its students through dedicated leaders, supportive staff, and devoted teachers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Washington Mill 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 Washington Mill Elementary School as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the school's commitment to its students.

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