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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 133

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*Commending Sacred Heart Academy.*

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WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Academy, a Winchester private school in the Diocese of Arlington founded in 1957, was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sacred Heart Academy (the Academy) was nominated for this prestigious award by the Council for American Private Education; and

WHEREAS, the Academy had to go through an extensive application process to be considered for the award; and

WHEREAS, in its application package, the Academy had to supply evidence of a standardized testing program with scores dating back five years, a 10-student minimum in each grade level, and a foreign language offering that meets the U.S. Department of Education criteria; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting these educational standards, the Academy provided detailed information related to its mission, evidence of its supportive work with families and the community, its curriculum, and school leadership and professional development; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, the Academy students had to test in the top 15% in the country for consideration for the National Blue Ribbon School award; and

WHEREAS, the Academy was named in the Exemplary High Performing category, in which schools are recognized among their state's highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments and nationally normed tests; and

WHEREAS, becoming a National Blue Ribbon School shows tremendous hard work and a strong commitment to education on the part of the students, parents, faculty, and staff of the Academy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sacred Heart Academy on receiving the National 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 Rebecca McTavish, the principal of Sacred Heart Academy, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for the Academy's outstanding educational contribution to the children of Winchester.

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