HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 218

Commending Elizabeth Scott Elementary School.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2014

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Scott Elementary School in Chester was named a National Title I Distinguished School for 2014 in recognition of its work with low-income students; and

WHEREAS, the National Title I Association annually recognizes two schools in each state for their work with underserved and low-income students; Elizabeth Scott Elementary School was honored for its success in closing achievement gaps among student groups; and

WHEREAS, almost 900 students attend Elizabeth Scott Elementary School and 45 percent of the student body qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; nearly one-third of the students are from families where English is not the first language; and

WHEREAS, Joan Temple, principal of Elizabeth Scott Elementary School, attributed the school's success to the dedication and hard work of the students, faculty, and staff and to the assistance and support the school has received from families and the community; and

WHEREAS, organizations that have donated time and services to Elizabeth Scott Elementary School include the Chesterfield County fire, police, and social services departments; the Greenleigh mobile home community; the Chester Family YMCA; the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and many other groups; and

WHEREAS, this signature honor for the students and staff at Elizabeth Scott Elementary School marks the sixth time that a Chesterfield County Public School has received this national award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Elizabeth Scott Elementary School for being honored as a National Title I Distinguished School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joan Temple, principal of Elizabeth Scott Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the dedication and hard work shown by the students, staff, and many supporters of the school.