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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 365

Offered February 25, 2014

*Commending Louise Archer Elementary School.*

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, Louise Archer Elementary School in Vienna, which has a storied history, a vibrant present, and a promising future, celebrates its 75th anniversary in March 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County school is named for Louise Reeves Archer, who was principal of an elementary school in Vienna from September 1922 until March 1948; it was a one-room segregated school and Louise Archer was both teacher and principal; and

WHEREAS, the original name was the Vienna Colored School and it brought the area's African American community together; Louise Archer established high expectations during her tenure; she taught fifth grade through seventh grade, which then was the highest level of education available to African American students in the county; and

WHEREAS, Louise Archer Elementary School was built on its present site in 1939; it has undergone many changes in the ensuing years, and today the school, which prides itself on its friendly and welcoming environment, is home to more than 800 students; and

WHEREAS, after Louise Archer's death in 1948, members of the community petitioned the Fairfax County School Board to change the name of the school as a memorial to its longtime teacher; the name was officially changed to Louise Archer Elementary School in 1950; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 75th anniversary events, Louise Archer Elementary School will become home to a temporary historical museum containing artifacts from the school's founding as well as contemporary displays made by current students; and

WHEREAS, the students and staff at Louise Archer Elementary School, led by principal Michelle Makrigiorgos, are celebrating the school's 75th anniversary with an Open House on March 7, 2014, which will showcase how the school has grown and prospered over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Louise Archer Elementary School in Vienna on the occasion of its 75th anniversary and for its remarkable history, its vibrant present, and the promise of a bright future; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michelle Makrigiorgos, principal of Louise Archer Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for its work in educating the children of Vienna over the last 75 years and best wishes for continuing success.

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