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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 470

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School.

Patrons—Hope, Krupicka and Lopez; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School in Arlington celebrates 75 years of providing a quality education in a caring and nurturing environment in 2014; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1939 and named for a prominent Virginian who was a nationally known social activist and strong supporter of women's right to vote, Barrett Elementary School today serves families in the Arlington Forest and Buckingham neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the public school on North Henderson Road in Arlington County opened in September 1939 with 97 students and four teachers; Hattie Hanks, the fifth and sixth grade teacher, also was the principal of Barrett Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, just seven years after Barrett Elementary School opened, six more classrooms were built, and in 1950, the school was renovated to include a multipurpose room and a library—the first elementary school in Arlington County to have one; one year later, enrollment was 688 students; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Elementary School, which today offers prekindergarten through fifth grade, is proud of its diverse student body; there is a strong representation of Hispanic, Asian, and African American pupils, ensuring a multicultural education for all pupils; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Elementary School continues to grow and enjoy a strong enrollment; several additions have been built, and in 2001, a new wing was added; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Barrett Elementary School was the first elementary school in the Commonwealth to be named a NASA Explorer School; NASA education specialists, mathematicians, engineers, and scientists are closely involved with the science and math curriculum; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School in Arlington on its 75th anniversary of providing a quality education in a caring and nurturing environment; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dan Redding, principal of Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its many years of teaching the young people of Arlington County and best wishes for continued success.

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