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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

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*Commending Bayside High School.*

Patrons—Stolle, Davis, Knight, Taylor and Villanueva; Senator: Wagner

WHEREAS, Bayside High School, an outstanding public educational institution in Virginia Beach, celebrates 50 years of educating and preparing students for bright futures during the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Bayside High School opened its doors to over 2,200 students in grades eight through 12; currently, it serves more than 1,800 students in grades nine through 12; and

WHEREAS, since opening the Health Sciences Academy in 2002, Bayside High School also welcomes students from all areas of Virginia Beach who are considering a career in medicine; and

WHEREAS, Bayside High School has been led by outstanding educators committed to the school's mission statement: "empowering all students to become lifelong learners and responsible, productive citizens in a global society"; and

WHEREAS, Bayside High School became fully accredited by the Commonwealth in 1999 and maintains its accreditation by continuing to uphold the Virginia Department of Education's Standards of Learning; and

WHEREAS, students competing in sports and other extracurricular competitions for Bayside High School have achieved more than 61 district, 23 regional, and 16 state championship titles; athletes and other student competitors have advanced to compete nationally and internationally, both at collegiate and professional levels; and

WHEREAS, Bayside High School has received the Virginia High School League's Claudia Dodson Ethics and Integrity Sportsmanship Award five times; and

WHEREAS, Bayside High School graduates have used their education to make a difference in society through public service and careers in medicine, law, technology, space exploration, business, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Bayside High School graduates are proud of their alma mater and take to heart the idea that "Once a Marlin, Always a Marlin"; the school maintains a 30-year tradition of playing the song "We Are Family" every Friday afternoon; and

WHEREAS, celebration activities for Bayside High School's 50th anniversary will be held throughout the 2014-2015 school year; anyone with a connection to the school will have opportunities to proudly wear the school's colors of scarlet and gold and gather with friends to reminisce, make new memories, and set future goals; and

WHEREAS, each member of the faculty, administration, and staff at Bayside High School contributes to motivating, inspiring, and educating the future leaders of Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bayside High 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 James D. Miller, the principal of Bayside High School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's long tradition of serving the youth of Virginia Beach.

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