

# 2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5064

*Commending Oliver W. Spencer, Jr.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014  
Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, Oliver W. Spencer, Jr., a devoted educator and administrator, enthusiastic motivational speaker, and generous philanthropist, retires as the superintendent of Brunswick County Public Schools in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Texas, Oliver Spencer earned a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M University in Texas, where he was a three-year letterman in football, and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected educator and administrator, Oliver Spencer served as the director of kindergarten through 12th grade instruction for at-risk youths in a Kansas City school district and as the coordinator for the African American Male Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Spencer later served as the vice president and an adjunct instructor at Paul Quinn College in Texas and as a teacher, coach, and principal at high schools and middle schools in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Spencer went on to become the assistant superintendent of Newport News Public Schools and the superintendent of Middlesex County Public Schools; under his leadership, all Middlesex County schools achieved full accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Spencer became the superintendent of Brunswick County Public Schools in 2007; he was the first African American appointed to the position in Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, as a well-known and admired speaker, Oliver Spencer has inspired countless students and teachers to make a difference in the world; he also authored the "First and Ten Mentoring Manual" and designed the First and Ten Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, working to further enhance the community, Oliver Spencer has donated his time and wise leadership to several boards and civic and service organizations; he currently serves as a member of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce and has served as a deacon at his church for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, earning numerous awards and accolades throughout his career, Oliver Spencer was named the 2000 Citizen of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Man of the Year by the South Central Negro Business and Professional Women's Club; he was also inducted into the Middlesex County Hall of Fame in 2007; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Oliver W. Spencer, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement as the superintendent of Brunswick County Public Schools in 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Oliver W. Spencer, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his leadership and service to Brunswick County and the Commonwealth.

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