## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5070**

Commending Jeff Yost.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, Jeff Yost, an outstanding school administrator in Fairfax County, retires as the principal of W. T. Woodson High School in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Yost earned bachelor's degrees from James Madison University and a master's degree from George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, helping to prepare students for higher education, careers, and responsible citizenship, Jeff Yost served as a mathematics teacher at Marshall High School and W. T. Woodson High School; he became vice principal of W. T. Woodson High School in 2001 and principal in 2007; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his seven-year career as principal of W. T. Woodson High School, Jeff Yost oversaw the largest high school campus in the Fairfax County Public Schools system; he instituted several innovative programs and created countless new opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, under Jeff Yost's leadership, W. T. Woodson High School has excelled in academics, athletics, and the arts, continually ranking among *Newsweek*'s top 100 public schools; the school has also played an important role in the community by offering adult education classes and night school; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Yost is admired as a dedicated leader; he built strong relationships with students and parents and worked to mentor and inspire fellow administrators, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, as a member of many peer and professional organizations, Jeff Yost is an active contributor to the field of education, and he has earned numerous awards and accolades for his hard work and devotion to his students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jeff Yost on the occasion of his retirement as principal of W. T. Woodson High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jeff Yost as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment and service to the youth of the Fairfax community.