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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 192

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Commending Swans Creek Elementary School.

Patrons—Surovell and McPike; Delegate: Dudenhefer

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School, a public school in Prince William County, has promoted academic excellence, a positive and safe school climate, and supportive relationships among its students, staff, and the community for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, established in 2001, Swans Creek Elementary School serves almost 800 students in preschool through fifth grade; the school's more than 80 faculty and staff members are dedicated to providing a high-quality educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School has earned eight Prince William School of Excellence awards, a Governor's Award for Academic Excellence demonstrating advanced proficiency across the curriculum, and a Virginia Board of Education Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School seeks excellence through the Baldrige in Education continuous improvement processes, including goal setting, charting and self-monitoring of student progress, and an emphasis on quality indicators for students; and

WHEREAS, engaging families of students has been a longstanding priority, and Swans Creek Elementary School and its Parent-Teacher Association offer family nights, curriculum workshops, opportunities to volunteer, English language acquisition and Parent as Educational Partner classes, a community 5K Fun Run, and support for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School uses the Positive Behavior Intervention Support and Responsive Classroom model, a nationally recognized approach to foster a strong sense of community and create a safe environment in which students learn and grow, and sets high expectations for teacher and student behavior; and

WHEREAS, technology at Swans Creek Elementary School is used to support critical thinking and is integrated with the curriculum through a variety of instructional strategies and a coaching model using devices such as SMART Boards, mobile labs, and iPads; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School supports its teachers through job-embedded professional development, with an emphasis on balanced literacy, best practices for English language learners, incorporating technology within the classroom, and cultural competence; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School offers numerous student leadership and extracurricular opportunities, including art, news team, Game 24 Math, safety patrols, robotics, school ambassadors, strings, chorus, and after-school enrichment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Swans Creek Elementary School on the occasion of its 15th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Swans Creek Elementary School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's contributions to the community and dedication to giving students a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

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