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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1020

Offered February 17, 2017

Commending Glen Forest Elementary School.

Patrons—Lopez; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, Glen Forest Elementary School in Falls Church is celebrating 60 years of excellence in 2017; and

WHEREAS, when it opened in 1957, Glen Forest Elementary School served first through seventh grades in what was then a vastly less developed area of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, today, Glen Forest Elementary School has more than 1,000 students in Head Start through fifth grade, and employs more than 150 staff members, including 56 classroom teachers; and

WHEREAS, Glen Forest Elementary School has a culturally diverse student population from 55 different countries and 89 percent of students come from homes where a language other than English is spoken; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Glen Forest Elementary School has done a tremendous job of improving accreditation rates and has seen a dramatic rise in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Glen Forest Elementary School hosts a wide variety of activities and programs that engage families, build community spirit, and celebrate cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, Glen Forest Elementary School provides students with an advanced academic curriculum and opportunity to participate in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) lab; and

WHEREAS, a Title I school, Glen Forest Elementary School puts a high priority on building technology skills for the future; and

WHEREAS, Glen Forest Elementary School is served by an engaged and accomplished multicultural staff whose members hail from all parts of the world and speak 25 different languages; and

WHEREAS, Glen Forest Elementary School embraces an inclusive philosophy and views its diversity as a rich resource in its mission to foster lifelong learners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Glen Forest Elementary School on celebrating 60 years of excellence in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cynthia F. Choate, principal of Glen Forest Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's essential role in a dynamic, multicultural community.

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