

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1020

*Commending Glen Forest Elementary School.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

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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