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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1049

Offered February 20, 2017

Commending the Morrison School.

Patrons—O'Quinn, Kilgore, Morefield and Pillion; Senators: Carrico and Chafin

WHEREAS, the Morrison School in Bristol is celebrating 40 years of providing an alternative to traditional learning environments for children who learn differently; and

WHEREAS, the Morrison School was founded in 1977, by Dr. Sharon Morrison, Ed.D., and her late husband, Arthur, who made the private day school for students with learning disabilities their life's work; and

WHEREAS, the Morrison School's mission is to prevent learning differences from becoming an impediment to a child's educational, personal, and professional success; and

WHEREAS, Morrison School inspires students to take on responsibility, equips them with lifelong learning strategies, and teaches them key social skills to overcome their personal difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the Morrison School puts strong emphasis on student responsibility and a positive reinforcement system in an environment where the student-to-teacher ratio is six to one; and

WHEREAS, the Morrison School is licensed by the Commonwealth and is accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Morrison School opened a new \$2.2 million 20,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that can accommodate 84 students in grades one through 12, and 24 preschool students, and the new building will allow the school's enrollment to effectively double; and

WHEREAS, the Morrison School excels at empowering students who learn differently to achieve their maximum potential, setting them on a path to personal happiness, job success, and good citizenship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Morrison School in Bristol on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Sharon Morrison, Ed.D., the chief administrative director, curriculum and instructional supervisor, and school psychologist at Morrison School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's dedication to teaching differently and "the Morrison Way."

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