## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 560**

Commending Hickory High School.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, in 2016, Hickory High School in Chesapeake celebrated 20 years of providing young people the tools to achieve success in higher education and careers and to become good citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Hickory High School was formed in 1996 with students from Deep Creek High School and Great Bridge High School; the school was named in honor of the original Hickory High School, which served areas of what was then Norfolk County from the 1920s to the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural senior class of Hickory High School graduated in 1997 with 130 students, all of whom had previously attended other schools, but were proud to graduate wearing the Hickory High School colors of teal, gray, black, and white; and

WHEREAS, with the leadership and guidance of dedicated faculty and staff, many of whom have worked at the school for its entire 20-year history, the students of Hickory High School have excelled in academics, athletics, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Hickory High School Hawks won the Wells Fargo Cup for overall athletic excellence in the Virginia High School League Group 5A for the third consecutive year, and the school received the Excellence Award from the Board of Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hickory High School on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Amber N. Dortch, principal of Hickory High School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to providing a high-quality education for the youth of Chesapeake.