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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 727

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Commending Dr. Toney Lee McNair, Jr.

Patrons—Hayes, Leftwich, Aird, Anderson, Bagby, Bell, John J., Boysko, Bulova, Carr, Cole, Fariss, Filler-Corn, Greason, Head, Heretick, Hester, Hope, Ingram, James, Jones, Keam, Kilgore, Knight, Levine, Lindsey, Lopez, Mullin, O'Bannon, Peace, Plum, Poindexter, Price, Rasoul, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Torian, Toscano, Villanueva, Ware and Watts; Senators: Spruill and Cosgrove

WHEREAS, Dr. Toney Lee McNair, Jr., a choral music teacher with Chesapeake Public Schools who has inspired and mentored countless students over the course of his 17-year career in education, was named the 2017 Virginia Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNair holds a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Virginia Union University; he currently teaches sixth-grade through eighth-grade choral music classes at Indian River Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNair works to build trust and strong relationships based on honesty and respect with all of his students, and he is respected by his peers for his professionalism and dynamic energy in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, among his many achievements, Dr. McNair helped secure a \$10,000 grant to obtain a baby grand piano for Indian River Middle School and a \$1,250 grant to support Young Dreamers, a mentoring group he cosponsors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNair also serves as president of the Chesapeake Education Association and was named the Region 2 Teacher of the Year to advance as a finalist for Virginia Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNair received the Virginia Teacher of the Year award at a special ceremony in Richmond on October 17, 2016, and he will represent the Commonwealth as a nominee for the 2017 National Teacher of the Year award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Toney Lee McNair, Jr., on being named the 2017 Virginia Teacher of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Toney Lee McNair, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment to serving and inspiring the youth of Chesapeake and the Commonwealth.

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