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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 760

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Commending Michael Robinson.

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WHEREAS, Michael Robinson, who served for nine and one-half years as superintendent of Smyth County Schools, was named 2017 Region VII Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Michael Robinson assumed the position of director of the A. Linwood Holton Governor's School in Abingdon, the Commonwealth's first virtual Governor's School; and

WHEREAS, Michael Robinson received a bachelor's degree in mathematics education and a master's degree in counselor education, both from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana, and he earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, before moving to Southwest Virginia to become assistant superintendent of Smyth County Schools, Michael Robinson held other administrative and teaching positions in Orange County and Charlottesville, and began his academic career working in college admissions and orientation at Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, Michael Robinson has been a great asset to Smyth County Schools, throwing his heart and soul into his job as superintendent and leaving the school system in good shape for the future; and

WHEREAS, one of the hallmarks of Michael Robinson's tenure was coordination and cooperation with other school systems in Southwest Virginia, including the Comprehensive Instructional Program unique to the region, and partnerships with community organizations for expanded grants and funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) Regional Superintendent of the Year honor was bestowed upon Michael Robinson by his peers in Region VII, which covers 19 school systems from Radford to Lee County, and he received the award at the 2016 VASS Spring Conference in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Michael Robinson has counted on the support and love of his wife, Laura, and their three children, Kyle, David, and Hope, who he is happy to be spending more time with because of his new position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michael Robinson, former superintendent of Smyth County Schools, on being named the 2017 Region VII Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Robinson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to Smyth County Schools and the students of Southwest Virginia.

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