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Commending Liberty Elementary School.

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WHEREAS, Liberty Elementary School in Chantilly dedicated the SMART Lab, an innovative new technology teaching tool, in November 2016; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Elementary School's SMART Lab is a collaborative space where students and teachers learn 21st century technologies, techniques, and skills to compete in the workplaces of the future; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Elementary School's SMART Lab introduces students to a multitude of technologies, allows them to feel empowered in their learning, and challenges them to push their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, students in kindergarten through fifth grade learn how to code, 3D print, compose music, make green screen videos, edit videos, make stop motion films, create video games, and engage in augmented reality applications in Liberty Elementary School's SMART Lab; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Elementary School's SMART Lab is equipped with desks that have white board tops, 3D printers, green screens, video editing stations, Sphero Golf, Ozobots, and MaKey MaKey pianos, among other collaborative tools; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Elementary School's SMART Lab is a tool of professional development for teachers and allows for unlimited teacher growth throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, in Liberty Elementary School's SMART Lab, technology resource teachers join with classroom instructors to co-teach technologies, allowing classroom teachers to learn and become comfortable with new technologies before integrating them into their everyday lessons; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Elementary School's innovative SMART Lab ensures that students and teachers are getting a common learning experience and administrators at Loudoun County Public Schools view this dedicated space as a valuable tool for empowering students and preparing them for jobs in the 21st century global workforce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Liberty Elementary School on creating the SMART Lab, an innovative new technology teaching tool; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Paul Pack, principal of Liberty Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's creative approach to teaching new technology to the students and teachers of Loudoun County.

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