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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 915

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Celebrating the life of Roger Dirk Vanderhye.

Patrons—Sullivan, Murphy and Simon; Senators: Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Roger Dirk Vanderhye, the principal of Walt Whitman Middle School in Alexandria and an experienced administrator who had served school communities throughout the world, died on January 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Flossmoor, Illinois, Roger Vanderhye graduated from Homewood Flossmoor High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and a master's degree from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Roger Vanderhye began his distinguished career in education as a middle school science teacher in Charlottesville; he taught in Tanzania before returning to the United States to work as a teacher and elementary school principal in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, a true citizen of the world, Roger Vanderhye offered his leadership to schools in Chile, Belgium, Greece, and Saudi Arabia before joining Spring Hill Elementary School in McLean in 2003; and

WHEREAS, as principal of Spring Hill Elementary School, Roger Vanderhye strengthened the character education program and implemented block scheduling; he also facilitated the school's partnership with Yabe Elementary School in Japan, creating new and exciting opportunities for students of both schools; and

WHEREAS, since 2015, Roger Vanderhye had served as principal of Walt Whitman Middle School, where he inspired students to achieve success in academics and helped the school achieve full accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Roger Vanderhye will be fondly remembered by his wife of 29 years, Cecilia; sons, Nicolas and Alexander; and numerous other family members, friends, and former students throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Roger Dirk Vanderhye, a highly respected school administrator; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Roger Dirk Vanderhye as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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