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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 442**

Offered February 21, 2017

*Commending Edward McCann, Sr.*

Patron—Bell, Richard P.

WHEREAS, Edward McCann, Sr., a dedicated educator at Nelson County High School who led several Nelson County Future Farmers of America teams to success in state and national competitions, retired on January 1, 2017, after nearly four decades of service; and

WHEREAS, Edward "Ed" McCann, Sr., holds bachelor's degrees in animal science and agricultural education and a master's degree in vocational education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; he joined the faculty of Nelson County High School as an agriculture teacher in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Ed McCann played an integral role in writing curricula for forestry education courses and worked with local and state officials to involve students in reforestation projects; he also sponsored a forest firefighting team at Nelson County High School for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Ed McCann also served as the advisor for the Nelson County Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, and his FFA teams achieved success at local, state, and national levels in career development events and competitions; and

WHEREAS, under Ed McCann's leadership, Nelson County FFA forestry, farm business management, meat evaluation and technology, small engines troubleshooting, parliamentary procedure, avian quiz bowl, creed speaking, agronomy, job interview, computers in agriculture, prepared public speaking, and tractor operating teams recorded many individual and team triumphs; and

WHEREAS, Ed McCann helped prepare students for success beyond Nelson County High School by initiating a dual-enrollment program; he built strong, personal relationships with his students, and he inspired many students to themselves become leaders in the FFA or educators; and

WHEREAS, fostering a sense of community spirit among his students, Ed McCann and the local FFA chapter have participated in home repair and enhancement projects and held annual food drives to support the local food pantry; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Ed McCann went above and beyond to provide unique opportunities for his students; he put in extra hours to tend to animals raised by students or help make apple butter for the FFA team's fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Ed McCann earned national recognition for his leadership in and out of the classroom when he received the prestigious Honorary American FFA Degree; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Edward McCann, Sr., hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement from Nelson County High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Edward McCann, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his immeasurable contributions to the youth of Nelson County and best wishes on a well-earned retirement.

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