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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 288

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Commending Ernestine Reid.

Patrons—Reeves; Delegates: Cole and Freitas

WHEREAS, Ernestine Reid has served and strengthened the Orange County community as a devoted educator and an inspirational civic leader; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Wyatt High School in Emporia and St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Ernestine Reid developed her passion for education at a young age and worked hard to achieve her goals; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 38-year career as a teacher, Ernestine Reid strove to cultivate a safe, nurturing classroom environment to allow students to learn, grow, and achieve their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, an influential leader in education, Ernestine Reid was a trusted mentor to both her students and her fellow teachers at Orange Elementary School; in addition she developed curricula for Orange County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Reid was named Teacher of the Year, and was twice nominated for the Student Teacher Academic Excellence Award, which honors teachers who have had a positive impact on their students' academic careers; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement as a teacher, Ernestine Reid continued to serve Orange County Public Schools on the Minority Task Force and Minority Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Reid is a longtime member of the NAACP and she helped the local chapter create a college and youth division; she has built support for the Academic Scholar Institute, which nurtures African American students as they pursue excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, a woman who lives her faith through her actions, Ernestine Reid is the first lady of Little Zion Baptist Church, where she works to instill her passion for lifelong learning in all of her fellow members of the congregation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ernestine Reid for her service as an educator and a community leader; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ernestine Reid as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her devotion to bettering the lives of her fellow Orange County residents.

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