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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

Offered January 20, 2017

*Commending Stephen Koleszar.*

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WHEREAS, Albemarle County School Board member Stephen Koleszar received the 2016 Advocate for Education Award from the Virginia School Boards Association because of his tireless commitment to public education and improving Albemarle County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Stephen "Steve" Koleszar, a retired accountant and resident of Charlottesville, has served on the Albemarle County School Board since January 1996, representing the Scottsville District; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Advocate for Education Award recognizes school board members who have shown significant and outstanding leadership, commitment, and contribution to public education and who have been involved in advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, Steve Koleszar is known for his "kids first" approach, and his love and passion for public education is evident to anyone who he encounters; he is a relentless fighter for more funding for K-12 education and a strong advocate for raising expectations for student performance; and

WHEREAS, Steve Koleszar frequently attends VSBA meetings and conferences, as well as the National School Boards Association conference, and his efforts to lobby on behalf of students at the Virginia General Assembly and the United States Congress have had real and lasting impacts on the students of Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, Steve Koleszar is a dedicated school board member and advocate for public education and the entire Albemarle community is proud of his accomplishment and this recognition of the time he has committed to supporting students, teachers, and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Stephen Koleszar, a member of the Albemarle County School Board, on being presented with the 2016 Advocate for Education Award from the Virginia School Boards Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stephen Koleszar as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his significant achievement and his continued dedication to the students, teachers, and families of Albemarle County.

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