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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 246

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Commending Blacksburg High School.

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WHEREAS, during the 2017 - 2018 school year, Blacksburg High School is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its new academic building by hosting a special "Year of the Artist" for its students; and

WHEREAS, originally founded in 1952, Blacksburg High School serves more than 1,000 students in Montgomery County; its new school facility opened its doors in the fall of 2013; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fifth anniversary of its new building, Blacksburg High School declared the 2017 - 2018 school year the "Year of the Artist" and is staging several events and exhibitions to shine a light on its students' artistic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Blacksburg High School's "Year of the Artist" will showcase performance and visual arts as well as academic, literary, scientific, and athletic artistic expression; and

WHEREAS, from December 13 - 20, 2017, Blacksburg High School teamed up with the Moss Arts Center at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to host a student art show; and

WHEREAS, as part of the event, the Moss Arts Center displayed artworks by Blacksburg High School students in three of its galleries as well as an exhibition corridor; and

WHEREAS, Blacksburg High School students provided an eclectic collection of artworks for the exhibition, including paintings, sculptures, a robotic car, and a painted Volkswagen Beetle; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Blacksburg High School's band, chorus, and theater groups staged performances in the Moss Arts Center's Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre; their program featured renditions of "Sleigh Ride" and composer David Maslanka's "Illumination"; and

WHEREAS, through its "Year of the Artist" celebration, Blacksburg High School has fostered the talent and creative expression of its students and allowed them to showcase their work in a state-of-the-art gallery space; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Blacksburg High School on the fifth anniversary of its new building and its "Year of the Artist" celebration; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brian Kitts, principal of Blacksburg High School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to excellence and nurturing the creativity of its students.

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