## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 261**

Commending Loudoun County Public Schools.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2018

WHEREAS, back-to-back in years 2016 and 2017, Loudoun County Public Schools was named to the 7th and 8th Annual AP District Honor Rolls by the College Board, a nonprofit organization responsible for administering the Advanced Placement (AP) program, which allows high school students to take college-level courses and examinations; and

WHEREAS, the College Board publishes its annual AP District Honor Roll to recognize exemplary achievement in the AP program; Loudoun County Public Schools previously received the distinction on the 1st Annual AP District Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Public Schools was one of five school districts in the Commonwealth to earn placement on the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll, and was one of two districts selected for the 8th Annual Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, to make the AP District Honor Roll, Loudoun County Public Schools had to increase student participation in AP courses by four percent, increase AP course participation by underrepresented students, and increase or maintain the percentage of students who achieved or surpassed a score of 3 on at least one AP examination; and

WHEREAS, between the 2014 - 2015 and the 2015 - 2016 academic years, Loudoun County Public Schools successfully increased the number of AP tests taken by students by over seven percent; during that same period, the district's percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP examinations increased from 67 percent to 69 percent; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Public Schools' back-to-back appearances on the AP District Honor Roll are a testament to the hard work and dedication of its students, faculty, staff, and administrators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Loudoun County Public Schools on earning recognition on the 7th and 8th Annual AP District Honor Rolls; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eric Williams, superintendent of Loudoun County Public Schools, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the district's commitment to academic excellence.