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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 298

Offered February 20, 2018

Commending Stonehouse Elementary School.

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WHEREAS, Stonehouse Elementary School in Williamsburg was recognized as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools from across the nation that have demonstrated academic excellence or made major improvements to student achievement; Stonehouse Elementary School was one of only seven schools in the Commonwealth to receive the designation; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools awards affirm the hard work by students, teachers, families, and communities to foster environments like that of Stonehouse Elementary School where learners can reach their full academic potential; and

WHEREAS, opened in 2000, Stonehouse Elementary School is part of the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools and includes approximately 730 students in kindergarten through fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, Stonehouse Elementary School's talented educators rely on best practices in the classroom to address each student's individual needs and learning styles; in addition, the school operates rotating learning centers to nurture students' interest in media, art, technology, physical education, and the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to creating a safe and supportive learning environment that promotes high academic and social achievement, Stonehouse Elementary School encourages its students to develop the STARS values of safety, tolerance, positive attitude, respect, and striving for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Stonehouse Elementary School develops strong family engagement through its active parent-teacher association, which organizes after-school programs and special events; in addition, the school runs a Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program to support classroom learning; and

WHEREAS, Stonehouse Elementary School's selection as a Blue Ribbon School is a tribute to the outstanding work of its students and the exemplary leadership and dedication of its administrators, teachers, and staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Stonehouse Elementary School on being selected as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Melissa White, principal of Stonehouse Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to giving its students a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

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