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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 446

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Commending The Governor's School for the Arts.

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WHEREAS, The Governor's School for the Arts, a regional program for arts education in Norfolk that was established in 1987, has nurtured creativity and inspired artistic vision in the students of Hampton Roads for three decades; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's School for the Arts serves public high school students in eight cities in South Hampton Roads and has exemplified regional cooperation throughout its 30-year history; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's School for the Arts provides excellence in arts education and has expanded to include programs in dance, acting, film, technical theatre, classical and jazz music, opera, musical theatre, and visual arts; and

WHEREAS, each department at The Governor's School for the Arts is uniquely equipped to meet the needs of each art form, with a focus on a conservatory style of instruction and a variety of arts experiences in traditional and non-traditional environments; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's School for the Arts has established a foundation that promotes and maintains community partnerships, and the school encourages students to find ways to use their talents to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's School for the Arts has facilitated millions of dollars in scholarship opportunities for its students; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's School for the Arts provides entertainment and enhances local cultural life by offering regular performances and exhibitions by each department, giving students the opportunity to gain experience in a professional setting while building passion for the arts in the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Governor's School for the Arts on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The Governor's School for the Arts as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy of contributions to arts education in the Commonwealth.