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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 519

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Claremont Immersion Elementary School.

Patrons—Lopez, Hope, Levine and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Claremont Immersion Elementary School, now in its 15th year, has enriched the lives of many students in the Arlington community by providing the benefits of learning in two languages; and

WHEREAS, established in 2003 as the second elementary immersion school in Arlington County, Claremont Immersion Elementary School opened with 350 students, and as of 2018, the student body has more than doubled to 740 students; and

WHEREAS, Claremont Immersion Elementary School utilizes a two-way dual-immersion method to teach students a second language through everyday interactions and curricular content delivered in accordance with the standards of Arlington Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, students at Claremont Immersion Elementary School spend half of their day in a Spanish-language classroom, learning math, science, reading, writing, and music or art and the other half of the day in an English-language classroom, learning social studies, physical education, reading, writing, and music or art; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of Claremont Immersion Elementary School work diligently to give students the tools to become good citizens of the Commonwealth and the world by fostering respect for other cultures as well as laying the foundation for a lifelong love of learning; and

WHEREAS, the students of Claremont Immersion Elementary School are active participants in the community and have won the Marine Corps Marathon Healthy School Award and the Get Active! Get Fit! Award for six consecutive years since 2012; and

WHEREAS, Claremont Immersion Elementary School has been recognized by the Ministry of Education of Spain as an International Spanish Academy for its strong commitment to promoting the Spanish language; it was also named as the 2011 School of the Year by the Education Office of the Embassy of Spain in Washington, D.C.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Claremont Immersion Elementary School on the occasion of its 15th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Claremont Immersion Elementary School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's success in providing unique educational opportunities to students in Arlington County.

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