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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

Offered March 2, 2018

*Commending Brian Ratliff.*

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WHEREAS, Brian Ratliff, a respected leader and educator who serves as superintendent of Washington County Public Schools, was honored as the 2018 - 2019 Region 7 School Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Year award is presented annually to honor outstanding achievement in public school administration; Brian Ratliff was the winner for Region 7, which includes 19 different school divisions in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a native of Russell County, Brian Ratliff attended Liberty University and earned a Ph.D. in education from the University of Virginia; he began his education career at Heritage High School in Lynchburg, where he served for five years as a guidance counselor and a basketball and tennis coach; and

WHEREAS, Brian Ratliff joined Amherst County Public Schools in the 1990s and later served as a principal, a human resources director, and an assistant superintendent before spending five years as superintendent; and

WHEREAS, since July 2013, Brian Ratliff has been superintendent of Washington County Public Schools; in that role, he oversees over 7,000 students and 1,200 employees at 16 schools; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as superintendent of Washington County Public Schools, Brian Ratliff has placed special emphasis on student learning and leadership and has become known for his dedication, integrity, and talent for building successful working relationships; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work as a school superintendent, Brian Ratliff is a respected writer and public speaker who has taught internationally and served as a graduate adjunct professor and consultant; he also currently serves as president of the board of directors of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, Brian Ratliff has received numerous honors and accolades, including a 2009 Excellence in Educational Leadership Award from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Brian Ratliff will be formally recognized as the Region 7 School Superintendent of the Year during a ceremony in May 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Brian Ratliff hereby be commended on being named the 2018 - 2019 Region 7 School Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brian Ratliff as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his dedication to the students, faculty, and staff of Washington County Public Schools.

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