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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

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Commending Mike Bryant.

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WHEREAS, Mike Bryant, a dedicated and respected educator who touched the lives of countless students in Roanoke City, Botetourt County, and Salem City schools, retired on June 30, 2017, after a long and distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, a Roanoke native, Mike Bryant attended William Byrd High School and then earned a political science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bryant's education career began in the fall of 1971, when he landed his first job as a social studies teacher at William Ruffner Junior High School in the Roanoke City School District; and

WHEREAS, between 1971 and 1980, Mike Bryant taught at William Ruffner Junior High School and at the nearby William Fleming High School; he coached wrestling, football, and track at Fleming and served as a guidance counselor and as an assistant principal; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mike Bryant brought his leadership skills to a new role as principal at Lord Botetourt High School; he remained there until 1986, when he took the reins as principal at Salem High School; and

WHEREAS, after a year at Salem High School, Mike Bryant joined the administration of the Salem City Schools; he remained with the division for the rest of his career and spent 30 years as its assistant superintendent; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing positive guidance to students and mentoring teachers, Mike Bryant also brought considerable expertise in school construction to his role as assistant superintendent; during his tenure with the Salem City Schools, he helped update all six of the division's schools and oversaw \$45 million in school construction projects; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career in education, Mike Bryant brought a commitment to excellence to every position he held; his diligence, skill, and personal integrity made him a role model for students as well as fellow teachers and administrators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Mike Bryant hereby be commended on his many years of exemplary service to the Roanoke City, Botetourt County, and Salem City schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mike Bryant as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his impressive career accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

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