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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 141

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Commending the Loudoun County School Board.

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WHEREAS, in 2017, the Loudoun County School Board fully and effectively implemented new requirements to employ reading specialists trained in the identification of and appropriate interventions and teaching techniques for students with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County School Board had previously provided for the employment of reading specialists in elementary schools and specialists for students with learning disabilities, but not for a professional trained specifically to help dyslexic students; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a learning disorder characterized by difficulties with word recognition, spelling, and reading comprehension that affects as many as one in 10 children in the United States; the disorder can be difficult to identify, and the Loudoun County School Board has now implemented methods to ensure that students receive assistance at an early age; and

WHEREAS, after the passage of dyslexia specialist legislation during the 2017 Session of the General Assembly, the Loudoun County School Board enthusiastically took steps to hire such a specialist and help students with dyslexia develop the foundational skill of reading through specialized instruction, accommodations, and assistive technology supports; and

WHEREAS, in addition to hiring dyslexia specialists, who act as a resource for other reading specialists and teachers, the Loudoun County School Board and Loudoun County Public Schools have established a training system to help all faculty and administrators better serve students with dyslexia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun County School Board for ensuring that Loudoun County Public Schools are equipped to serve and support students with dyslexia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County School Board as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its work to provide all Loudoun County students with the best possible education.

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