

2018 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 149

Commending Riverside Elementary School.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018

WHEREAS, in 2018, Riverside Elementary School will celebrate 50 years of educating and nurturing the children of Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, built in 1968 on land once owned by George Washington, Riverside Elementary School serves a rich and diverse school community within the Fairfax County Public Schools district; and

WHEREAS, with a mission to promote high academic and social achievement, Riverside Elementary School seeks to meet the needs of its more than 800 learners through meaningful instruction and strong communication and collaboration with parents; and

WHEREAS, Riverside Elementary School's dedicated and highly qualified teachers employ a balanced instructional approach that hones critical and creative thinking skills and makes use of individual, small group, and team teaching strategies; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the staff and administration at Riverside Elementary School strive to model and nurture the values of respect, responsibility, caring, cooperation, honesty, perseverance, resiliency, and community in all students; and

WHEREAS, Riverside Elementary School operates a number of special programs in early literacy, character education, and academic enrichment and remediation; its active parent-teacher association works to provide students with after-school activities and special family events; and

WHEREAS, committed to fostering the positive efforts and attitudes of its students, Riverside Elementary School also offers a wide selection of leadership opportunities for learners, including a student council association, an after-school student leadership academy, men's and women's leadership lunches, and buddy programs that allow older students to mentor their younger classmates; and

WHEREAS, the students, faculty, and staff at Riverside Elementary School take pride in the school's rich history and work diligently to meet the needs of the student population and to empower all who walk through the school's doors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Riverside Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Paul Basdekis, principal of Riverside Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to its students and the surrounding community.

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