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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1029**

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending James Madison High School.*

Patrons—Keam; Senators: Favola and Petersen

WHEREAS, James Madison High School in Vienna, an institution devoted to providing an enriching secondary education for students in Fairfax County, marks its 60th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, James Madison High School was named for James Madison, Jr., native Virginian, Founding Father of the United States, and the fourth American President; and

WHEREAS, James Madison High School was established in 1959, originally as a segregated school but was integrated following the implementation of the Brown v. Board of Education decision; and

WHEREAS, today, James Madison High School is led by Principal Greg Hood and serves a diverse student body of 2,198 students in grades nine through 12, with courses tailored to meet the needs of students of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, James Madison High School offers its student body approximately 60 clubs to engage in and explore areas including music, technology, drama, languages, science, robotics, human rights issues, disability advocacy, American Sign Language, business, debate, gaming, politics, and current events; students are also involved in numerous performing arts ensembles as well as publications at the school; and

WHEREAS, James Madison High School's "The Pride of Vienna" Marching Band has won numerous awards and recognitions, including the Virginia Class 5 Championship at the VMBC State Championship in 2018, National Winner of the National Band Association's Blue Ribbon Award in 2017; the Virginia Blue Ribbon Award from the Virginia Music Educators Association for 11 consecutive years; and twice received the prestigious Sudler Flag of Honor from the John Philip Sousa Foundation which is the highest accolade for a high school band in the United States; and

WHEREAS, James Madison High School students are engaged in a wide variety of sports including competitive cheer, cross country, dance, field hockey, football, golf, volleyball, basketball, track, swimming and diving, wrestling, baseball, crew, lacrosse, soccer, and tennis, with many athletic competitions won by the James Madison Warhawks teams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James Madison High School on its 60th anniversary in 2019 as an educational institution of excellence in Fairfax County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Madison High School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to excellence, nurturing students, and providing a foundation for lifelong learning.

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