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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1050

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Commending Larkspur Middle School.

Patrons—Turpin, Adams, D.M., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Kory, Lindsey, Rasoul and Ware; Senators: Boysko, Dance, Ebbin, Howell, Spruill and Wagner

WHEREAS, for 25 years, Larkspur Middle School, an outstanding public middle school, has provided children in Virginia Beach with a safe, supportive environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, established in 1994 with an enrollment of almost 2,000 students and led by its first principal John Sutherland, Larkspur Middle School helps its students become good citizens of the Commonwealth and the world by developing the life experiences needed to think critically and creatively while cultivating a sense of responsibility and respect for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, Larkspur Middle School was carefully designed to fully implement the "school-within-a-school," middle school philosophy and organization, with a design that permits each grade level to be self-contained in its own hallway with offices for a school counselor and assistant principal; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated faculty and staff members of Larkspur Middle School provide a robust, stimulating curriculum to more than 1,600 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students using innovative teaching methods to ensure that each student's academic needs are met; and

WHEREAS, Larkspur Middle School offers many co-curricular programs as well as community partnerships with Grace Bible Church and FEED KEMPSVILLE; and

WHEREAS, emphasizing strong relationships with parents, families, and the community, Larkspur Middle School enhances the educational experience through opportunities for volunteering and other unique services that benefit every student; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Larkspur Middle School on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larkspur Middle School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's legacy of service to the youths of Virginia Beach.

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