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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1051

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Commending Princess Anne High School.

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

WHEREAS, Princess Anne High School, a public secondary school in Virginia Beach, has helped students grow and develop academically and socially for 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Princess Anne High School opened in August 1954 with 1,558 students and 62 teachers; it was formed from the consolidation of the three high schools that served Princess Anne County; and

WHEREAS, Princess Anne High School's student population peaked in the early 1970s at approximately 2,800 students; in 1963, Princess Anne County was incorporated into the newly formed City of Virginia Beach and thus the school became the oldest existing high school in the system; and

WHEREAS, Princess Anne High School serves approximately 1,800 students in grades 9 - 12, including in the school's West Building, which serves secondary-level special education students with disabilities from the entire city; the school's International Baccalaureate Program opened in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Princess Anne High School was modernized several times, first in 1985 and most recently after a fire destroyed a third of the building in September 1995, four days before the new school year began, forcing the school to temporarily relocate to the vacant Celebration Station mall; the school reopened in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Princess Anne High School has given generations of Virginia Beach students the tools to achieve success in higher education and in their careers and to become responsible citizens of the Commonwealth and the global society; and

WHEREAS, Princess Anne High School has fulfilled its mission through the hard work of its faculty, administrators, and staff, as well as the support of parents, families, local partners, and community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Princess Anne High School, a public secondary school in Virginia Beach, on its 65th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Princess Anne High School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to academic excellence and service to the Virginia Beach community.

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