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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1116**

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending Newington Forest Elementary School.

Patrons—Tran; Senator: Barker

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WHEREAS, for 35 years, Newington Forest Elementary School in Springfield has provided a safe, caring, and supportive environment in which students can learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, Newington Forest Elementary School aims to provide a rigorous education to its culturally diverse student body through general education, special education, and English for Speakers of Other Languages programs; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated faculty of Newington Forest Elementary School adhere to best practices and strategies to support student-centered learning, and the school places a high emphasis on professional development for its teachers and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Newington Forest Elementary School is equipped with cutting-edge technology, including Smartboards in every classroom to provide an interactive, engaging learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Newington Forest Elementary School is known for creating an inclusive environment for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, outside of the classroom, Newington Forest Elementary School students have access to a wide array of extracurricular activities, including strings, band, chorus, STEAM, and other clubs; and

WHEREAS, Newington Forest Elementary School students follow the Knights C.A.R.E. pledge of making good Choices, having a positive Attitude, Respecting yourself and others, and giving the best Effort every day; and

WHEREAS, Newington Forest Elementary School faculty and parents work collaboratively together for high achievement in the classroom and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Newington Forest Elementary School PTA takes an active role in children's education, sponsoring after-school programs as well as fun activities like an annual haunted house at the Fall Festival; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Newington Forest Elementary School on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Newington Forest Elementary School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's long legacy of service to students in Fairfax County.

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