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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 727

Offered January 18, 2019

*Commending Louis Kokonis.*

Patrons—Herring, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Delaney, Hope, Keam, Kory, Lindsey, McQuinn, Rodman and Sullivan; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Ebbin and Spruill

WHEREAS, Louis Kokonis, who for 60 years has worked tirelessly to mold future citizens and leaders as a math teacher and a mentor, is the longest-serving educator in Alexandria City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Louis Kokonis began his career in 1959 at Francis Hammond High School, then transferred to T.C. Williams High School, which became the city's lone high school in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Louis Kokonis has taught algebra, geometry, and calculus to thousands of students; he is well known for his professionalism and quiet command of a classroom and has spent countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, and counseling and coaching students; and

WHEREAS, Louis Kokonis has imparted his passion for lifelong learning to his students, many of whom went on to become physicists, engineers, doctors, and professors; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his six-decade career, Louis Kokonis has witnessed significant growth and changes, both in the community and in the field of education, including the advent of new technologies to enhance the learning process; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2018, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria honored Louis Kokonis's achievements in service to students by unveiling the Louis Kokonis Teaching Legend Scholarship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Louis Kokonis for his 60 years of service educating and mentoring students in Alexandria; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Louis Kokonis for his commitment to academic excellence and incalculable contributions to the Alexandria community.

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