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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 338**

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending St. Paul Elementary School.*

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WHEREAS, St. Paul Elementary School, an exceptional public primary school in Wise County, received a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award from the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools across the country for demonstrating superior academic performance or success in closing student achievement gaps; St. Paul Elementary School was one of only eight schools in the Commonwealth to receive this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, the hardworking faculty, staff, and administrators of St. Paul Elementary School strive to build strong, personal relationships with each student and give them the tools to become responsible citizens, informed decision makers, and productive lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Elementary School utilizes a wide range of teaching techniques to overcome the cycle of underachievement, including extensive remediation, differentiated lessons, and explicit instruction, to ensure that every student can succeed in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Elementary School works with local partners to provide a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics coordinator each day, and encourages students to explore science through hands-on learning; the school organizes trips to local colleges and offers programs to help students understand career options; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Elementary School and the other recipients of the National Blue Ribbon School Award were honored at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., on November 7 - 8, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That St. Paul Elementary School hereby be commended on receiving the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen N. Dickenson, principal of St. Paul Elementary School, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the school's commitment to academic excellence and service to the young people of Wise County.

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