HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 442

Commending Fort Belvoir Primary School.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, Fort Belvoir Primary School of Fairfax County was awarded the Purple Star designation by the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children on October 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Star designation recognizes outstanding schools like Fort Belvoir Primary School for their excellence in supporting military-connected children and their families; and

WHEREAS, to earn a Purple Star designation, schools must appoint a staff member to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and their families and to serve as a liaison between the school and local military communities; the school must also demonstrate a commitment to meeting the needs of military-connected students and their families by providing resources and programming on issues like transitions and academic planning; and

WHEREAS, Fort Belvoir Primary School was one of 14 public schools in Fairfax County and 59 schools in the Commonwealth to earn the Purple Star designation in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Fort Belvoir Primary School is to provide a quality education to empower all students to meet high academic standards, set goals for continuous growth, and be contributing members of the community, and to prepare all students for the global community by creating a dynamic culture through collaborative teamwork that develops a love of learning and the resilience essential for continuous success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Fort Belvoir Primary School hereby be commended for receiving the Purple Star designation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Margo Pareja, principal of Fort Belvoir Primary School, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the school's commitment to supporting military-connected children and their families.