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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 449

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending Sully Elementary School.*

Patrons—Boysko, Barker, Dance, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike, Petersen, Saslaw, Spruill and Surovell; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bell, John J., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Gooditis, Heretick, Hope, Keam, Kory, Levine, Murphy, Plum, Rasoul, Reid and Ware

WHEREAS, Sully Elementary School, an outstanding public primary school located in Sterling, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Sully Elementary School suddenly opened for the 1967-1968 school year to alleviate overcrowding in area schools; the first principal, Wayne Mills, was 27 years old when he learned about his assignment the week before his first day; and

WHEREAS, during Sully Elementary School's first year, students had to pack a lunch and eat in their classrooms because there was no cafeteria; students also had to be kept inside during recess because the playground was a construction site and there was no homework because the students had no books to take home; and

WHEREAS, the Sully Elementary School community marked its 50th anniversary by inviting former administrators, teachers, and students back to campus for a celebration, and providing current students and their families with a barbeque lunch prepared by the Christian Fellowship Church, a courtesy of a grant from the Loudoun Education Foundation and the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation; and

WHEREAS, today, Sully Elementary School educates a diverse student body of approximately 450 students; and

WHEREAS, Sully Elementary School has given generations of students in Loudoun County a strong foundation for lifelong learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sully Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colleen O'Neil, principal of Sully Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's legacy of academic excellence and its continued service to the Loudoun community.

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