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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 163

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*Commending Lakeview Elementary School.*

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WHEREAS, Lakeview Elementary School in Colonial Heights celebrated its 50th anniversary on November 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, serving an average of 410 students from kindergarten through fifth grade, the school is accredited by the Commonwealth and AdvancED and has maintained full Standards of Learning accreditation for the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, students at Lakeview Elementary School are given many opportunities to engage with the arts through participation in the Colonial Heights Fine Arts Festival, field trips to the Virginia Symphony and Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and the KEES program, which offers fourth and fifth graders piano instruction in preparation for a special performance at the end of each year; and

WHEREAS, serving the community and others is a foundational part of a Lakeview Elementary School education; students are recognized monthly for positive behavior and acts of service, and the school's character education committee raises funds on behalf of the Richmond Animal League, Kinsley's Cookie Cart, hurricane relief efforts, and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Lakeview Elementary School fosters a close relationship with the United States military and its veterans; each year, the school partners with a company from Fort Lee as part of the Adopt-A-School Program, hosts a Veterans Day ceremony for veterans and members of the community, and sends letters to service members overseas during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its commitment to the nation's veterans, Lakeview Elementary School was awarded the Purple Star Designation by the Virginia Department of Education in 2019; other distinctions received by the school for its academic achievements include the Virginia Excellence in Education Award in 1994 and a Title I Distinguished School honor from the Department of Education in 2012; and

WHEREAS, for a half-century, Lakeview Elementary School has promoted a learning environment conducive to its students' success, making it an invaluable part of the Colonial Heights community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lakeview Elementary School of Colonial Heights on the occasion of the school's 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patrick Neuman, principal of Lakeview Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for the school's contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for the future.

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