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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 444

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Patrick K. Murphy.

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin and Favola

WHEREAS, Patrick K. Murphy, a respected educator who served students in the Commonwealth for more than 30 years, retired as superintendent of Arlington Public Schools on September 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Murphy began his career in 1988 at Francis Scott Key Middle School and served in various capacities in Fairfax County Public Schools for 19 years, including four years as assistant superintendent for accountability, during which he was responsible for testing, research, evaluation, and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Murphy joined Arlington Public Schools as superintendent in 2009 and ably met the challenges of leading a diverse school division with 37 schools and programs, 4,000 employees, 26,000 students, and a budget of more than \$581 million; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Murphy was selected as the 2015 Virginia Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, and under his leadership, Arlington Public Schools earned many awards and accolades, increased its high school graduation rate by 10 percent, and achieved full accreditation for five consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Murphy's high emphasis on consistent academic achievement, sound operational management, visionary planning, and capital investment helped students and faculty reach new heights of success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Patrick K. Murphy on the occasion of his retirement as superintendent of Arlington Public Schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patrick K. Murphy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of excellence in education and many contributions to young people in Virginia.

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