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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 504

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Commending Larry Landes.

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WHEREAS, after 14 years of service, Larry Landes retired as principal of Fort Defiance High School at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year; and

WHEREAS, an Augusta County native, Larry Landes followed in the footsteps of his father, Kenneth, who served as the first principal of Fort Defiance High School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Madison College and conducting graduate work at Virginia Commonwealth University, Larry Landes began his career in education as a teacher and athletics coach in Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, Larry Landes gained experience as school administrator in Hopewell, then returned to Augusta County in 1993 as principal of Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School and subsequently Wilson Memorial High School; and

WHEREAS, Larry Landes built trust and camaraderie among the faculty and staff of Fort Defiance High School, encouraging an atmosphere of teamwork and maintaining a strong focus on giving students the tools and support they needed; and

WHEREAS, Larry Landes inspired countless young people to achieve success both in and out of the classroom and was a frequent presence at school sporting events and other extracurricular functions; and

WHEREAS, during his long tenure as principal, Larry Landes ably adapted to changes in the makeup of the community and the effects of technology on both students and the learning process overall; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Larry Landes recognized that many young people are dependent on school lunches and helped deliver nutritious meals to students' homes; after his well-earned retirement, he plans to continue serving the community by working with Special Olympics Virginia and the Tim Tebow Foundation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Larry Landes hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as principal of Fort Defiance High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larry Landes as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his service to young people in Augusta County.

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