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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 576

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Commending Dr. Fred and Carolyn Eichelman.

Patron—McNamara

WHEREAS, Dr. Fred and Carolyn Eichelman, retired educators and highly admired members of the Salem community, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Fred Eichelman grew up in Ohio, where he developed a passion for history, film, and the written word at a young age; he relocated to the Commonwealth with his family at the age of 10 and attended Shenandoah Valley Academy, then pursued higher education at Bridgewater College, the University of Virginia, the University of Florida, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech); and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Eichelman, born Carolyn Harr, is a native of Virginia and attended Grundy High School; she graduated from Radford University and attended the University of Virginia before earning a master's degree from Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Carolyn Eichelman both pursued careers in education and supported and encouraged each other to maintain a commitment to lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Fred Eichelman enjoyed a long and distinguished teaching career at both the elementary and secondary levels, becoming known as "the doctor with the star-studded classrooms" for his use of films and television series in his curriculum and his many fond relationships with actors and public figures developed through his autograph collection; and

WHEREAS, Fred Eichelman was a school principal, a director of federal education programs, a leader in several education associations, and a longtime member of three state boards in the Commonwealth, as well as a successful author; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Eichelman began teaching in the City of Roanoke and was one of the first teachers in the area affiliated with the Head Start program; she spent most of her career teaching primary grades and kindergarten in Roanoke County and was the author of the first kindergarten curriculum book in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Eichelman was an active member of the Jaycettes and the Roanoke County Education Association and a founding member of the Roanoke Valley Entomology Club; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Carolyn Eichelman have trained dozens of student-teachers and both served as Sunday school teachers in their church community; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Carolyn Eichelman have given generously of their time and leadership throughout their lives, and for 30 years, the couple ran a series of media conventions and events, some of which helped gain notoriety for worthy charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Carolyn Eichelman retired from teaching in 1991 and 1998 respectively; they are currently working together to compile pictures, documents, and commentary for a family history project spanning 200 years; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Carolyn Eichelman's children followed in their footsteps in the field of education, with their daughter, Carol, working as a drama teacher and their son, Fred II, working with international college students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Dr. Fred and Carolyn Eichelman hereby be commended on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Fred and Carolyn Eichelman as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their contributions to education and their philanthropic achievements.

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