

## 2021 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 258

Offered January 29, 2021

*Commending Daniel D. Edwards.*

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WHEREAS, Daniel D. Edwards, an esteemed public servant who was the longest-serving member in the history of the Virginia Beach City Public School Board, retired on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, prior to his public service, Daniel "Dan" D. Edwards earned a bachelor's degree in education from Northwestern University and a master's degree in business administration from The College of William & Mary; he served his country with courage and valor in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Dan Edwards was elected to serve as the Kempsville District 2 representative on the Virginia Beach City Public School Board in 1998, a position he would continue to serve with distinction for the next 22 years; and

WHEREAS, named chair of the Virginia Beach City Public School Board in 1999, Dan Edwards would ultimately lead the board for 19 years and aid Virginia Beach City Public Schools through a significant period in the agency's history; and

WHEREAS, Dan Edwards's 22-year tenure on the Virginia Beach City Public School Board and 19-year tenure as its chair are both records for service to the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, over more than two decades, Dan Edwards has served alongside more than 40 other members and led approximately 500 meetings of the Virginia Beach City Public School Board; and

WHEREAS, among his countless accomplishments on the Virginia Beach City Public School Board, Dan Edwards helped spearhead the establishment of several citywide academic programs while guiding the city's schools toward full accreditation under the Virginia Standards of Learning; and

WHEREAS, several local, state, and federal leaders expressed their gratitude for Dan Edwards's service upon his retirement, including Governor Ralph S. Northam, Mayor of Virginia Beach Bobby Dyer, and United States Representative Elaine Luria; and

WHEREAS, through his steadfast dedication to Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Dan Edwards has helped generations of students strive for success and achieve their dreams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Daniel D. Edwards, longtime Kempsville District 2 representative on the Virginia Beach City Public School Board, hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Daniel D. Edwards as an expression of the House of Delegates' profound admiration for his extraordinary service on behalf of the City of Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth.

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