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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 357

Offered February 2, 2021

*Commending the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts.*

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WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts, an elementary school in Richmond that was the first charter school in the City of Richmond and the fourth charter school in the Commonwealth, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, parents and citizens in the Woodland Heights neighborhood of Richmond formed the Richmond Partnership for Neighborhood Schools, an endeavor that would lead to the chartering of the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts by the Richmond School Board a year later; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts' inaugural class of 149 students matriculated at the Woodland Heights Baptist Church Education Center in Richmond on August 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, since moving to a permanent location in 2012, the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts has continued to grow, with a current enrollment of approximately 350 pupils representing all nine districts of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts teaches language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and history while emphasizing project-based learning to help students engage with the material; and

WHEREAS, with a focus on environmental learning, classes at the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts often extend into the gardens around the school and into Forest Hill Park, offering students a chance to interact with nature and apply their lessons in the real world; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts are the result of the hard work and dedication of the teachers and staff, the enthusiasm and determination of the students, and the support of the many families and neighbors that compose the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's achievements.

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