HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 549

Commending James E. Swindler II.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, James E. Swindler II, a dedicated school administrator and a trusted mentor for young people, retires as principal of Rappahannock County High School in 2021; and

WHEREAS, a former valedictorian of Rappahannock County High School, James "Jimmy" E. Swindler II has worked for Rappahannock County Public Schools for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Swindler has held numerous roles at Rappahannock County Elementary School and Rappahannock County High School, including history teacher, history department chair, facilities director, a member and president of parent-teacher organizations, and National Honor Society sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Swindler served as an athletics director for many years and has coached student-athletes at junior varsity and varsity levels; he further served as a representative to the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and was a member of several committees for the Virginia High School League; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Swindler has treated the young people under his care as individuals and has worked to build a culture of fairness and mutual respect among students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, thanks in part to Jimmy Swindler's leadership, Rappahannock County High School opened on a hybrid schedule for the 2020-2021 academic year to safely provide students with valuable in-person interaction and instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Swindler has offered his expertise to the Rappahannock County Education Association and the Headwaters Foundation, a nonprofit support organization for local students; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Jimmy Swindler plans to spend more time with his beloved family and seek new opportunities to serve and strengthen the Rappahannock County community through volunteer work with the PATH Foundation, the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, and other nonprofit organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That James E. Swindler II hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as principal of Rappahannock County High School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James E. Swindler II as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his dedication to helping young people succeed in and out of the classroom.