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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 511

Offered February 15, 2021

*Commending Swans Creek Elementary School.*

Patrons—Surovell and McPike

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School celebrates 20 years of serving the Prince William County community in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School, which opened in Southbridge in September 2001, seeks excellence through the Baldrige in Education continuous improvement processes, including goal setting, charting and self-monitoring of student progress, and an emphasis on quality indicators for students; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School has earned the prestigious Prince William County Public Schools School of Excellence Award 11 times since its opening; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School uses the Positive Behavior Intervention Support and Responsive Classroom model, a nationally recognized approach to foster a strong sense of community and create a safe environment in which students learn and grow, and sets high expectations for teacher and student behavior; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School supports its teachers through job-embedded professional development, with an emphasis on balanced literacy, incorporating technology within the classroom, and social and cultural competence; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School utilizes best instructional practices for English language learners and special education students to ensure that all young people achieve their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School staff support the diverse needs of its student population through small group instruction, consistent parent communication and feedback, and remediation and enrichment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including a robotics club, chorus, art club, running club, LEGO Club, student council, student patrols, Battle of the Books program, Game 24, and opportunities to learn coding and computer science through its status as a Computer Science-Ready School; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Swans Creek Elementary School has offered virtual and in-person learning as the community grapples with the unprecedented health crisis and has provided free breakfasts and lunches to the Swans Creek Swan community, as well as free grocery kits containing a five-day supply of a variety of whole grains, protein, fruits, vegetables, and milk; and

WHEREAS, Swans Creek Elementary School has succeeded in its mission to help its students to rise up, take flight, and achieve; thanks to the hard work of its faculty, administrators, and staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Swans Creek Elementary School hereby be commended on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Swans Creek Elementary School as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's gratitude for its students' accomplishments and its staff's support of the Prince William County community.

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