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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 556

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*Commending J.W. Alvey Elementary School.*

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WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary of serving the families of Haymarket in Prince William County in 2013, has implemented numerous local and international humanitarian initiatives; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School, named for Prince William County leader James Alvey, has 48 teachers and 790 students from the neighborhoods of Dominion Valley and Carterwood; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School, under the leadership of principal Candace Rotruck, has a proud history of community service and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, following the tsunami that devastated many of the countries bordering the Indian Ocean in 2004, a fifth-grade class wanted to help the affected people; their desire blossomed into the school's first walk-a-thon, which raised over \$26,000 for the Red Cross to aid tsunami victims; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School students raised money to purchase a car for a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina during the school's second walk-a-thon in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in the third year of the walk-a-thon, J.W. Alvey Elementary School students donated proceeds to the building of the Pentagon Memorial; the school's Singing Sunrays chorus performed at the dedication of the memorial; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School students have also raised funds for the American Heart Association, Transitional Housing Barn, and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; and

WHEREAS, since its opening in 2003, J.W. Alvey Elementary School has been named a Prince William County School of Excellence seven years in a row, designated as a Fully Accredited School by the Commonwealth of Virginia, and recognized as a School of Excellence by the Prince William County School Board; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School also provides several extracurricular programs for students, such as Singing Sunrays, Chess Club, Fit Club, and Robotics Club, to enhance their education; students can also serve as peer mediators, safety patrols, and class ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School has an in-house Start Program for potentially gifted students in kindergarten through grade three and an in-house Signet Program for gifted students in grades four and five; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Alvey Elementary School takes great pride in its students' accomplishments and development of compassion and concern for others around the world, holding a monthly Quality Student Breakfast in which students are recognized for being good citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That J.W. Alvey Elementary School hereby be commended for its local and humanitarian initiatives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Candace Rotruck, principal of J.W. Alvey Elementary School, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the school's commitment to its students and the community.

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