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Commending Charles Edward Turner.

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WHEREAS, Charles Edward Turner, the superintendent of Southampton County Public Schools, will retire in 2012 after an exemplary career in education that has spanned nearly a half century; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Southampton County Training School, Charles Turner earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University and a master's degree from The College of William & Mary; he furthered his studies at the University of Virginia and earned a certificate in educational leadership from Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner began his illustrious career in education as a teacher and coach at Sussex Central High School before moving to Riverview High School and then advancing into administration as assistant principal of Southampton High School; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner gained valuable experience and insight on educational matters on the state level as assistant state supervisor for the Virginia Department of Education before returning to Southampton County Public Schools and serving as administrative assistant to the superintendent and director of pupil services before becoming assistant superintendent in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 Charles Turner became superintendent of Southampton County Public Schools and dedicated himself to ensuring that county students receive the best possible education to prepare them for further study and life in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, during Charles Turner's tenure, three new elementary schools have been built; two elementary schools have been renovated; new programs, positions, and personnel have been added; and the use of technology has been further incorporated into the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Charles Turner worked to establish a Fresh Start Center, an off-campus site that provides individual and small group instruction to help meet each student's needs; and

WHEREAS, committed to academic excellence, Charles Turner has ensured that all Southampton County Public Schools are fully accredited and served as an inspirational leader and role model to school staff, teachers, and students; and

WHEREAS, a respected educational leader, Charles Turner represented the Virginia Department of Education Driver Education Department at the National Safety Council and served on a state committee involving recertification for licensure of teachers and a state committee responsible for the accreditation of colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner also served as vice-chair of the Governor's School for the Arts in Norfolk, on the steering committee for the Appomattox Regional Governor's School and the Southeastern Cooperative Education Program, as a member of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents and American Association of School Administrators, and as the Region II Superintendent representative on the executive committee of the Virginia High School League; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner has also taken an active role in community affairs, having served as a member of the board of directors of the Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce and Franklin-Southampton Area United Way and as former president of the Epsilon Iota Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of many awards and accolades for his outstanding achievements, Charles Turner was named the Region II Superintendent of the Year in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner has touched the lives of countless individuals over the course of his career and leaves behind a school system well-positioned to continue to provide a superior education to local students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Charles Edward Turner hereby be commended for his distinguished service as superintendent of Southampton County Public Schools 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 Charles Edward Turner as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his commitment to the young people of Southampton County.

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