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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 87

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Commending Glade Spring Middle School.

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WHEREAS, Glade Spring Middle School, located in scenic Washington County, was honored to be recognized by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform on its 2012 "Schools to Watch" list; and

WHEREAS, the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform (Forum), an alliance of 60 educators, researchers, national associations, and officers of professional organizations and foundations, created the "Schools to Watch" list to identify those middle-grades schools that meet or exceed 37 criteria developed by the Forum; and

WHEREAS, schools selected to the "Schools to Watch" list must first submit a written application that details how they meet the Forum's criteria and then, if it appears that the school meets the criteria, a state team visits the school to observe the classrooms; interview administrators, teachers, parents, and students; and look at achievement data, suspension rates, quality of lessons, and student work; and

WHEREAS, schools designated to the "Schools to Watch" list, which range in size from several hundred to several thousand students and represent urban, suburban, and rural communities, retain the designation for three years, at which time they can again go through the process to be redesignated; and

WHEREAS, Glade Spring Middle School, which has nearly 300 students and 45 teachers and staff, was one of 103 exemplary middle schools chosen from across the country to receive the coveted designation; and

WHEREAS, Glade Spring Middle School students take academically rigorous courses and have the opportunity to participate in a wide array of extracurricular activities and sports designed to enhance their education; and

WHEREAS, Glade Spring Middle School students thrive with instruction from caring and knowledgeable teachers, leadership from dedicated administrators, and support from parents, friends, and the local community; and

WHEREAS, the selection of Glade Spring Middle School to the Forum's "Schools to Watch" list is a tribute to the school's commitment to help all its students achieve their potential; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Glade Spring Middle School hereby be commended on being selected by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform to its 2012 "Schools to Watch" list; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Scott Allen, principal of Glade Spring Middle School, as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for the school's commitment to excellence.

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