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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 181

Offered January 20, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Clifford Scott Hardison.*

Patrons—Surovell; Senators: Ebbin and Puller

WHEREAS, Clifford Scott Hardison, the beloved principal of West Potomac High School whose exemplary career in education spanned nearly 40 years, died on July 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of West Springfield High School, Clifford "Cliff" Hardison earned a bachelor's degree from George Mason University and a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; he had completed all but his dissertation in his doctoral work at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hardison began his distinguished career in education with Prince William County Public Schools as an English and social studies teacher on the middle and high school levels; he also coached cross country and track; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hardison then served as the men's cross country and track coach at Virginia Commonwealth University before becoming a guidance counselor; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hardison provided strong support to students at Chesterfield County Public Schools and Edison High School as a guidance counselor and continued his career in education by transitioning into administration; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hardison served as director of student services at West Potomac High School; administrative principal and subschool principal at Hayfield Secondary School; summer school principal at South County Secondary School; and the assistant principal for the Science and Technology Division at Thomas Jefferson High School before rejoining West Potomac High School as principal in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hardison served Fairfax County Public Schools on a division-wide basis as the high school principal representative to the Business Community Advisory Council, on the Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Council, and as the cochair of the High School Principals' Association Instruction Committee; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hardison strove to foster a positive learning environment in which all students could excel and earned the respect of faculty, staff, and parents throughout his career for his dedication to the students and greater community; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hardison will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many loving family members and friends, the West Potomac High School community, and countless students whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an outstanding educational leader, Clifford Scott Hardison; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Clifford Scott Hardison as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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