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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 440

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Bucknell Elementary School.*

Patrons—Surovell; Senator: Puller

WHEREAS, in school year 2014 - 2015, Bucknell Elementary School in Fairfax County celebrates its 60th anniversary of providing a top-quality education to children from nearby neighborhoods, most of whom walk to school; and

WHEREAS, construction of Bucknell Elementary School began in 1954 and the building opened in 1955; today, the school has a diverse population of approximately 300 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated group of teachers and staff at Bucknell Elementary School recognize the importance of developing the whole student; the group focuses on preparing students for the future and emphasizes the importance of lifelong reading, strong math skills, and effective problem solving; and

WHEREAS, students at Bucknell Elementary School benefit from the latest technological advances, using iPads and laptop computers and Smart Boards, which are in every classroom; also, mobile labs are available to all grades; and

WHEREAS, many extracurricular activities are available to pupils at Bucknell Elementary School, including a vibrant after-school program that provides athletics, art classes, and science instruction as well as crafts, chess, and cooking classes; and

WHEREAS, other opportunities for students at Bucknell Elementary School are partnerships with local organizations—demonstrating the importance of community involvement—and a mentoring effort that pairs West Potomac High School students with the elementary pupils; and

WHEREAS, because Bucknell Elementary School is on land that was once owned by Bucknell University, it was named for the university in Pennsylvania; today, the two schools have a video-conferencing program where college students discuss and promote college readiness skills with the elementary students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bucknell Elementary School in Fairfax County on the occasion of its 60th anniversary of providing a top-quality education to children from nearby neighborhoods; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tim Slayter, principal of Bucknell Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for its many years of teaching the young people of Fairfax County and best wishes for continued success.

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