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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 879

Offered February 19, 2015

*Commending Robert Frost Middle School.*

Patrons—Filler-Corn; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, during the 2014 - 2015 academic year, Robert Frost Middle School in the Braddock District celebrates 50 years of working to empower the leaders of tomorrow by helping students build critical thinking skills and develop a passion for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frost Middle School was established in 1964, and with the support of its dedicated faculty and staff, hardworking students, and devoted parents, the school has earned a proud reputation for academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, serving 1,100 seventh-grade and eighth-grade students, Robert Frost Middle School helps students successfully transition from a self-contained elementary school model to a comprehensive high school model; students work together in interdisciplinary teams with the support of a counselor and a grade-level administrator; and

WHEREAS, offering a wide range of programs to suit each student's needs and abilities, Robert Frost Middle School strives to equip students with the tools and skills to succeed in a complex and competitive workplace by encouraging them to think creatively and adapt to challenging situations; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frost Middle School is committed to the health and safety of its students and works to preserve and safeguard the environment; the school operates a solar-powered Creek and Wetlands Project; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frost Middle School is an active partner in the community and works with civic and service organizations to provide a comprehensive after-school program, serving nearly 1,000 students each week through 45 clubs and activities; and

WHEREAS, encouraging parents to take an active role in their children's education, Robert Frost Middle School cultivates strong home-to-school relationships and uses parents as liaisons to support and facilitate communication with its families; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frost Middle School has earned the Recognized ASCA Model Program designation from the American School Counselor Association for providing an outstanding data-driven school counseling program and an exceptional educational environment; and

WHEREAS, earning many other awards and accolades, Robert Frost Middle School received the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014, and the school's music program received the Blue Ribbon from the Virginia Music Educators Association in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robert Frost Middle School for its legacy of service to the youth of Fairfax County on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eric McCann, principal of Robert Frost Middle School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to excellence and contributions to the community.

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