## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1021**

Commending Randolph Elementary School.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Randolph Elementary School in Arlington has exceptionally served the children of the Douglas Park neighborhood for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, named for Peyton Randolph, an important figure in Virginia history who served as acting Governor at one point, Randolph Elementary School opened its doors in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Elementary School has a truly diverse and inclusive student body, representing 29 countries and 19 different languages; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, Randolph Elementary School has offered an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, which focuses on the development of the whole child; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Elementary School teaches students a global perspective that emphasizes respect for others and the importance of taking action; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Elementary School students participate in Spanish language classes as well as art, physical education, and music; each grade level stages an annual musical production in which all students participate; and

WHEREAS, at Randolph Elementary School there is a focus on learning, results, and a collaborative culture, thus promoting continuous improvement for all staff and students; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Elementary School offers a robust After School Enrichment program that gives students unique opportunities to try something new, such as zumba, chess, origami, yoga, and cooking; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Elementary School encourages students to develop a love of learning and an adventurous spirit, with the goal of developing balanced learners and global citizens; and

WHEREAS, the talented and dedicated staff of Randolph Elementary School strive to instill the values of kindness, responsibility, respect, integrity, curiosity, and courage in all students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Randolph Elementary School on 70 years of providing the children of the Douglas Park neighborhood in Arlington with an outstanding education; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Donna Snyder, principal of Randolph Elementary School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's rich diversity and commitment to excellence.