

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1047

*Commending Cherry Run Elementary School.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2017  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, Cherry Run Elementary School in Burke was named a National PTA School of Excellence for 2016 - 2018; and

WHEREAS, opened in 1983, Cherry Run Elementary School provides all students a rigorous academic program across all curriculum areas to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Cherry Run Elementary School in Fairfax County was one of 14 schools in the Commonwealth to earn a 2016 - 2018 National PTA School of Excellence designation for its leadership and accomplishments in building strong, effective family-school partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the National PTA School of Excellence program goal is to encourage families to feel welcomed and empowered to support student success, and the PTA is a key partner for continuous school improvement; and

WHEREAS, the National PTA School of Excellence designation is achieved when families' perceptions of the school demonstrate that the PTA and school have implemented a high level of family engagement, or when the PTA and school have made a substantive, positive improvement in families' perceptions since the beginning of the school year; and

WHEREAS, through the National PTA School of Excellence program, PTAs and school partners gain customized recommendations, training, and hands-on coaching as they work to achieve the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the administrators, faculty, and staff at Cherry Run Elementary School have forged an excellent partnership with the Cherry Run Elementary PTA, led by former president Elizabeth Cassady (2014 - 2016) and current president Joanna Sampson, and are true examples of what can be accomplished when schools and families work together; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cherry Run Elementary School on being named a National PTA School of Excellence for 2016 - 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mark Bibbee, principal of Cherry Run Elementary School, and Joanna Sampson, Cherry Run Elementary PTA president, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's dedication to high standards and excellence in all areas.

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