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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 743

Offered January 13, 2017

*Commending Arthur Dean Strickland.*

Patron—Bell, Richard P.

WHEREAS, Arthur Dean Strickland, an outstanding educator, has inspired students at the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Dean "A. D." Strickland's basic introduction to drafting was obtained at the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC) after an industrial accident resulted in the amputation of his right hand as a young man; and

WHEREAS, A. D. Strickland pursued his commitment to lifelong learning with a bachelor's degree from James Madison University and a master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, which continues to count him as a "resident" of the Hokie Nation; and

WHEREAS, after working for General Electric in Waynesboro, A. D. Strickland joined WWRC on November 7, 1966, as a drafting instructor; thousands of students with a wide array of disabling conditions were inspired by his example, made job ready by his teaching, and counseled toward professional career paths; and

WHEREAS, throughout a long and active life, A. D. Strickland and his wife of 52 years, Joyce Strickland, have generously given their time to foster more than 100 children from their local area; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, A. D. Strickland has ensured that students in Waynesboro Public Schools share a holiday experience with WWRC students that improves their understanding of each other; and

WHEREAS, A. D. Strickland has inspired his colleagues with enthusiasm for his duties that are never too small to not receive his best work or too large to exceed his exceptional skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Arthur Dean Strickland for his 50 years of service to the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center and the Fishersville community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Arthur Dean Strickland as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his notable contributions to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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