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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 768**

Offered January 17, 2017

*Commending Green Hedges School.*

Patrons—Keam; Senators: Howell and Petersen

WHEREAS, Green Hedges School, an exceptional private school in Fairfax County, celebrates 75 years of inspiring students to develop clear values and a passion for lifelong learning and become conscientious citizens of both the Commonwealth and the world; and

WHEREAS, Green Hedges School opened with 10 students in 1942 and was founded by Frances and Kenton Kilmer, who operated the school out of their home; the Kilmers worked to create a positive learning environment and an enriched curriculum that focused on literature, music, art, and world culture; and

WHEREAS, by 1955, Green Hedges School had grown to serve 60 students and relocated to its current five-acre campus in the historic Windover Heights neighborhood in Vienna; in 2016, the school enrolled 175 students in Montessori preschool, kindergarten, and grades one through eight; and

WHEREAS, Green Hedges School has flourished under six heads of school—Charles A. Wright, Kathleen Battaglia, George Schumacher, Scott Votey, Frederick W. Williams, and Robert E. Gregg III—and members of the community and parents serve on the school's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Green Hedges School offers a rigorous and diverse curriculum that teaches students to ask questions, take risks, explore new opportunities, respect others and themselves, and develop strong character; and

WHEREAS, graduates of Green Hedges School are known to be confident, accomplished, intellectually curious, and kind and leave the school well-prepared for success in high school, college, and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Green Hedges School, a unique private school in Fairfax County, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert E. Gregg III, the head of Green Hedges School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's mission to create a safe place for children to grow intellectually, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

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