2017 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 861

Commending James Andrews.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2017

WHEREAS, James Andrews, a highly-regarded English and creative writing teacher at Stafford High School in Falmouth, marked 50 years of devotion to the profession of educating young people in 2016; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Andrews has been a teacher since 1966 and he has spent all 50 years of his career teaching English at Stafford High School; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fredericksburg, Jim Andrews graduated from James Monroe High School and received both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching at Stafford High School, Jim Andrews has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Germanna Community College; and

WHEREAS, Jim Andrews is known for challenging his students, especially through his 30-source research assignment, and in return he is respected by legions of Stafford High School alumni; and

WHEREAS, Jim Andrews loves teaching and his students, but he does not try to assuage or appeal to everyone; instead, he prefers to have students elect to take his classes and are therefore determined to learn in his classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jim Andrews is admired for his dedication and passion by his fellow teachers and the administrators at Stafford High School, and he is beloved by the students he teaches; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James Andrews, a highly regarded English and creative writing teacher at Stafford High School, on reaching the milestone of 50 years of teaching in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Andrews as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to teaching generations of the Commonwealth's citizens.

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