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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 400

Offered February 27, 2018

*Commending Newport News Public Schools.*

Patrons—Mullin, Price, Aird and Yancey; Senator: Mason

WHEREAS, twenty-one schools in Newport News Public Schools achieved full accreditation for the 2017 - 2018 academic year, including all high schools in the system; and

WHEREAS, all fully accredited schools must meet or exceed benchmarks for achievement in English, mathematics, science, and history, with high schools also required to meet a graduation and completion index; and

WHEREAS, among the 21 schools in Newport News that received full accreditation were An Achievable Dream Middle and High School, Denbigh High School, Heritage High School, Menchville High School, Warwick High School, Woodside High School, and Booker T. Washington Middle School; and

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream Academy, David A. Dutrow Elementary School, Deer Park Elementary School, General Stanford Elementary School, Hilton Elementary School, Kiln Creek Elementary School, Oliver C. Greenwood Elementary School, R. O. Nelson Elementary School, Richard T. Yates Elementary School, Richneck Elementary School, Riverside Elementary School, and T. Ryland Sanford Elementary School, also received full accreditation; and

WHEREAS, notably, Willis A. Jenkins Elementary School received full accreditation after being denied for two years; four other schools in the system received partial accreditation, with students district-wide recording gains on several Standards of Learning tests during the 2016 - 2017 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the accreditation of 21 schools is a reflection of the hard work of all the students, faculty, and staff of Newport News Public Schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Newport News Public Schools for achieving full accreditation at 21 schools for the 2017 - 2018 academic year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Newport News Public Schools as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school system's commitment to giving students in Newport News a world-class education.

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