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Offered February 18, 2019 Commending Kempsville Middle School.

Patrons—Turpin, Adams, D.M., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Kory, Lindsey, Rasoul and Ware; Senators: Boysko, Dance, Ebbin, Howell, Spruill and Wagner

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Kempsville Middle School has provided children in Virginia Beach with a safe, supportive environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, established in 1969, Kempsville Middle School helps young students become good citizens of the Commonwealth and the world by guiding them in learning to think critically and creatively while cultivating a sense of responsibility and respect for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated faculty and staff members at Kempsville Middle School provide a robust, stimulating curriculum to 800 students in sixth through eighth grade using innovative teaching methods to ensure that each student's academic needs are met; and

WHEREAS, Kempsville Middle School offers many co-curricular programs and clubs, including code_KMS, a drama program, a zumba program, the Student Ambassador program, the Student Council Association, and Debate and Academic Challenge Teams; the school has also been named a Blue Ribbon School for Music; and

WHEREAS, emphasizing strong relationships with parents, families, and the community, Kempsville Middle School enhances educational experiences through opportunities for volunteering and other unique services that benefit every student; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kempsville Middle School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Patti T. Jenkins, principal of Kempsville Middle School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's legacy of service to the youths of Virginia Beach.