## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1073**

Commending the Academies of Loudoun.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, the Academies of Loudoun opened in 2018 to provide new opportunities for the students of Loudoun County Public Schools, one of the fastest-growing school districts in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the culmination of a 10-year project, the Academies of Loudoun merged the three existing science and technology academies in Loudoun County Public Schools into one 305,000-square-foot facility; and

WHEREAS, the Academies of Loudoun opened as the largest facility in the district and had an initial enrollment of 1,700 students, which is expected to reach 2,500 in coming years; students attend the school on an alternate-day schedule and still attend their home high school for humanities classes; and

WHEREAS, the Academies of Loudoun features 40 different laboratories, including a "maker space" modeled after a similar laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, the Academies of Loudoun was part of a comprehensive initiative to enhance services within the district, which supported more than 83,000 students in 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Academies of Loudoun on the occasion of its opening in 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Academies of Loudoun as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's contributions to Loudoun County's reputation for academic excellence.