HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 330

Commending New Castle Elementary School.

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

WHEREAS, for 20 years, New Castle Elementary School, an outstanding public primary school in Virginia Beach, has provided students with a safe and supportive environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, New Castle Elementary School was established in 1999 with Janet Duff as its first principal; and

WHEREAS, New Castle Elementary School serves students in the communities of Hillcrest Farms, Bellwood Estates, Bellwood Meadows, Newcastle, Adam's Glen, Highland Parish, Highland Meadows, Highland Acres, Indian River Woods, Morgan's Walke, River Oaks, Indian River Farm, Dewberry Farm, and portions of Glenwood, Salem Lakes, and Bentley Gate; and

WHEREAS, utilizing a student-centered approach, New Castle Elementary School gives children a strong foundation for lifelong learning and the tools to become responsible citizens of the Commonwealth and a global society; and

WHEREAS, students at New Castle Elementary School are deeply engaged in the community; the school's ecology club participates in oyster farming to support the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001 - 2002 school year, New Castle Elementary School launched an outreach program for children between the ages of two and five, which has helped prepare more than 100 future students for the school's academic rigor; and

WHEREAS, New Castle Elementary School has fulfilled its mission through the hard work of teachers, administrators, staff, and the students and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That New Castle Elementary School hereby be commended on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to New Castle Elementary School as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its commitment to academic excellence and service to the students of Virginia Beach.