

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 552

Commending Kirk Dolson.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 2021

WHEREAS, Kirk Dolson, former principal of Park View High School in Sterling who has admirably served the students, staff, and community of Loudoun County Public Schools for many years, was named the inaugural supervisor of high school education for Loudoun County Public Schools in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Dolson's training as an educator and administrator includes a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, both from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Dolson taught for five years before obtaining an administration certificate from George Mason University and assuming a post as a middle school administrator at Eagle Ridge Middle School in Ashburn; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Dolson was also the assistance and remediation programs coordinator for Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) for five years and an assistant principal at Potomac Falls High School for four years before becoming the principal of Park View High School in 2014; and

WHEREAS, over his tenure at Park View High School, Kirk Dolson was a nurturing and supportive school leader who promoted equity among the student body and communicated effectively with students, teachers, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Dolson personally mentored many of his students at Park View High School and went beyond the call of duty to ensure that every child under his care had the opportunity to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Dolson spearheaded an alternative education program at Park View High School designed to help students graduate who might otherwise drop out, such as young mothers, English-language learners, and those who struggle with Standards of Learning assessments or in traditional classroom settings; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kirk Dolson stepped up alongside other members of the Park View High School faculty to support the school's distribution of meals to students in need, helping to mitigate the risk of food insecurity in the community; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Dolson has shared his knowledge and experiences through various platforms, including the podcast "Learning That Changes Lives," which details Park View High School's commitment to personalized learning; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his accomplishments and expertise as a school administrator, Kirk Dolson was named the LCPS Principal of the Year in 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Kirk Dolson, former principal of Park View High School, hereby be commended for his many years of service and for being named the inaugural supervisor of high school education for Loudoun County Public Schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kirk Dolson as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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