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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 375

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Commending Stratford Landing Elementary School.

Patrons—Surovell, Ebbin and Marsden; Delegate: Krizek

WHEREAS, in 2023, Stratford Landing Elementary School in Alexandria will proudly celebrate 60 years of providing a quality education to its students in its current building; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Landing Elementary School, built on land once owned by George Washington, officially opened its doors on September 3, 1963, with Eleanor N. Hollandsworth as principal; the previous year, students were housed at another local elementary school while the new building was constructed; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Landing Elementary School's initial enrollment of 301 students in grades one through six increased to an enrollment of 887 in the 1964-1965 school year; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Landing Elementary School underwent its first renovation in 1966 to add an additional hallway of classrooms in response to the rapidly growing community and the presence of many military families; and

WHEREAS, as schools across the nation also began to implement kindergarten classes in response to the federal Head Start initiative, Stratford Landing Elementary School opened its first half-day kindergarten program in 1968; and

WHEREAS, during the 1970s, Stratford Landing Elementary School opened one of the first Gifted and Talented Centers in Fairfax County Public Schools, a program developed to offer a unique academic program to qualifying students in grades three through six from multiple local elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Landing Elementary School expanded to include two preschool programs, supporting early intervention for young children identified with autism and developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Stratford Landing Elementary School underwent other renovations to add a gym, music room, day care facility, playground, 10-classroom modular unit, and seven learning environment trailers; it also created an English as a Second Language program to better meet the needs of students; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Stratford Landing Elementary School developed a Discovery Garden to support environmental and science studies, a project it continues to cultivate and refine; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Landing Elementary School began offering a full-day kindergarten program with the last phase-in by Fairfax County Public Schools for the 2011-2012 school year; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Landing Elementary School continues to stay abreast of technological changes by adding Smart Board technology to all classrooms, increasing the number of mobile laptop carts, investing in hands-on voting systems, and using other technology tools to support 21st century learners; and

WHEREAS, Stratford Landing Elementary School, the parent-teacher association, and the school community continue to work in partnership to promote student success and achievement in the classroom, on the school grounds, and through diverse after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, throughout growth and change over the years, including the adoption of the Dolphins as the school mascot, Stratford Landing Elementary School has remained committed to providing an academically challenging and positive learning environment in which all students thrive; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Stratford Landing Elementary School began using Level Four Curriculum and resources with all students; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Stratford Landing Elementary School began offering advanced math to students in grades three through six; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Stratford Landing Elementary School established a student-led literary magazine featuring writing and art produced by the students and established the Family Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Stratford Landing Elementary School began offering a full-day Head Start program, established Young Authors' Night, increased identification of Young Scholars and implemented a Young Scholars Conference, and started the Community Resource Fair; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Stratford Landing Elementary School also established the Student Mentor Program to build and strengthen relationships with students and to provide guidance and emotional support, encouragement, and motivation for the students to be the best version of themselves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Stratford Landing Elementary School on the occasion of its 60th anniversary of service to

59 students from its current building; and, be it

60 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for
61 presentation to Stratford Landing Elementary School as an expression of the General Assembly's
62 admiration for the school's contributions to the Alexandria community.