## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107**

Commending Nuckols Farm Elementary School.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2023

WHEREAS, Nuckols Farm Elementary School was selected as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2022, becoming the only school in Henrico County Public Schools to win the award twice; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education and recognizes schools across the country for their overall academic excellence or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups; Nuckols Farm Elementary School was one of only 297 schools to receive the award in 2022; and

WHEREAS, established in 1997, Nuckols Farm Elementary School has served students in Henrico County for more than 25 years and is located adjacent to the historic Nuckols family farmhouse, which is one of the oldest buildings in Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, Nuckols Farm Elementary School has fulfilled its mission to help young people build a strong foundation for lifelong learning through the hard work of its teachers, administrators, and staff members and support of parents, guardians, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, through innovative curricula and teaching techniques, the faculty of Nuckols Farm Elementary School has given generations of students the tools and support they need to achieve success in higher education and careers and become good citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nuckols Farm Elementary School community worked diligently to ensure meaningful engagement between students and teachers and maintain a commitment to academic excellence in the face of unprecedented circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Nuckols Farm Elementary School and the other recipients of the National Blue Ribbon Schools awards were honored at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in November 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Nuckols Farm Elementary School hereby be commended on the occasion of its selection as a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Crystal Metzger, principal of Nuckols Farm Elementary School, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the school's achievements in service to young people in Henrico County.