

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 361

Commending the Washington-Liberty High School International Baccalaureate diploma program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2022

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2022

WHEREAS, the Washington-Liberty High School International Baccalaureate diploma program, which has provided world-class curriculum and instruction to thousands of students from Arlington since its founding, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Washington-Liberty High School was authorized by International Baccalaureate (IB) to administer its program in 1996, offering students an alternative to standard coursework that would enable them to study advanced subjects and develop greater intercultural understanding and respect; and

WHEREAS, students at Washington-Liberty High School opt to participate in the IB program in the 11th or 12th grade, either as IB diploma candidates or as IB course candidates; and

WHEREAS, Washington-Liberty High School is a school of more than 2,000 students from diverse backgrounds and currently more than half of its 11th and 12th graders are enrolled in the IB program; and

WHEREAS, the Washington-Liberty IB program excelled among its peers around the world in 2021, earning higher marks in the areas of diploma pass rate, average score pass rate, and average points by diploma candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Washington-Liberty IB program achieved an overall pass rate of 92.6 percent in 2021, the highest overall pass rate in its 25-year history, exemplifying the program's steadfast commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Washington-Liberty IB educators have shown extraordinary perseverance and devotion to their work during the COVID-19 pandemic, adapting instructional methods as needed to ensure their students were learning and engaged, while students have equally stepped up to the challenge, performing superbly despite all the difficulties of this historic crisis; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Washington-Liberty IB program is the result of the hard work and dedication of its students, the tireless efforts of its educators and staff, and the culture of excellence at Washington-Liberty High School that the program has fostered for many years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Washington-Liberty High School International Baccalaureate diploma program on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Washington-Liberty High School International Baccalaureate diploma program as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the program's accomplishments and contributions to the Commonwealth.