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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 372

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*Commending Heritage High School.*

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WHEREAS, Heritage High School of Newport News Public Schools, an institution that has cultivated the intellect and imagination of thousands of young minds while supporting families and the community it serves, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, established in August 1996, Heritage High School has for the past 25 years fulfilled its mission to educate all students in a safe and orderly environment where parents, students, and staff can work together to prepare young people for success and fulfillment in whatever life path they may choose; and

WHEREAS, as a Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Academy since 2012, Heritage High School encourages its students to explore subjects that interest them and to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, through its dual enrollment program with Thomas Nelson Community College and its Community Captains Program with Christopher Newport University, students at Heritage High School have the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school, facilitating their subsequent educational pursuits after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Heritage High School offers students first-rate career and technical education programs to prepare them for a variety of careers, garnering the school Virginia Department of Education Creating Excellence Program Awards at both the regional and state level; and

WHEREAS, the chorus and marching band at Heritage High School has proudly represented the school at several high-profile events, including visits to the White House in 1998, 2004, 2005, and 2014 and a Washington Wizards game in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps at Heritage High School has won several unit awards over the past 25 years, reflecting the school's commitment to honor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Heritage High School motivates its students to aspire to greatness, offering them the chance to be a part of prestigious academic programs such as the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society, and more; and

WHEREAS, home to the Heritage Hurricanes, Heritage High School has seen many of its sports teams and athletes bring home state championship titles over the years, including in track and field, football, and basketball; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Heritage High School 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 Heritage High School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the many accomplishments of the school and its students over the past 25 years.

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