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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 428

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending Harold Simmons.

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WHEREAS, Harold Simmons, the esteemed building supervisor of South County Middle School in Lorton who has greatly served Fairfax County Public Schools for many years, retired in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Harold Simmons devoted 40 years to supporting students in their educational pursuits, first at a secondary school in Prince George County and later in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Harold Simmons was a charter member of South County Middle School and the first building supervisor in the school's history, playing a vital role in preparing the institution to serve its students and the community; and

WHEREAS, as building supervisor at South County Middle School, Harold Simmons led the school's custodial team and organized and trained team members, spearheading efforts to create a safe and inviting learning environment for the benefit of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Harold Simmons' kind and friendly demeanor brought joy to students and staff at South County Middle School as he became a well-known and comforting presence on grounds; and

WHEREAS, Harold Simmons' legacy at South County Middle School includes the meaningful relationships he developed with his team and the school's students and staff, as he provided an example of servant leadership that was an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, Harold Simmons' commitment to maintaining the upkeep and beauty of South County Middle School did not diminish during the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping the school in pristine condition for students and staff upon their return; and

WHEREAS, through his steadfast dedication to his responsibilities as building supervisor, Harold Simmons made a profound and lasting impact on South County Middle School and its community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Harold Simmons, cherished building supervisor of South County Middle School, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Harold Simmons as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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