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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 596

Offered February 5, 2025

Commending Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II.

Patrons—Ballard; Senator: Hackworth

WHEREAS, Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, esteemed superintendent of Giles County Public Schools, who is one of the longest serving superintendents in the history of the Commonwealth, retires on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Terry Arbogast began his career in education in 1991 teaching mathematics with Fauquier County Public Schools and six years later transferred to Southwest Virginia to take a position as assistant principal at Narrows High School in Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Terry Arbogast contributed greatly to the success of Narrows High School's students both in his capacity as assistant principal between 1997 and 2001 and as principal from 2001 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, following an appointment to serve as deputy superintendent of Giles County Public Schools between 2002 and 2004, Terry Arbogast was named the school division's superintendent, a position in which he faithfully served until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, beyond his work as an administrator, Terry Arbogast promoted the health and well-being of his students as a coach for the softball, football, basketball, and golf teams; and

WHEREAS, Terry Arbogast served as a leader at the Region VII level through his roles as Region VII chair and vice chair, as a representative to the State Superintendent's Leadership Committee and the Virginia High School League, and as a member of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents' legislative committee; and

WHEREAS, Terry Arbogast advanced education in the Commonwealth and beyond through his involvement with the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; AASA, The School Superintendents Association; the Western Virginia Public Education Consortium; and the Southwest Virginia Governor's School, where he was superintendent-in-charge; and

WHEREAS, over his 34-year career, Terry Arbogast made a profound and lasting impact through his commitment to his students, teachers, and staff, earning him the praise and respect of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, superintendent of Giles County Public Schools, 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 Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to educating the Commonwealth's young people and best wishes for a rewarding and fulfilling retirement.

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