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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 404

Offered February 17, 2025

Commending South County High School.

Patrons—Surovell and Carroll Foy; Delegates: Cohen, Henson and Tran

WHEREAS, for 20 years, South County High School of Fairfax County Public Schools has made an impact in the community by creating a supportive and respectful learning environment in which its students may grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, South County High School is located on the site of the former Lorton Reformatory; Fairfax County Public Schools utilized an innovative public-private partnership as part of the land deal for the area around the school, which allowed the school to be built three years ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS, the public-private partnership that created South County High School was the first of its kind in the Commonwealth and helped inspire the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, since opening in 2005, South County High School has been steadfastly committed to inspiring and empowering its students to become lifelong learners and leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, with a commitment to educational excellence, South County High School implements a variety of programs to meet its students' needs, including its Department of Defense Education Activity Code UP! initiative and other technical training programs; and

WHEREAS, South County High School offers a range of extracurricular activities to engage its students and to help them develop confidence and positive relationships, such as its award-winning drama and music programs, Key Club, and Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, South County High School's athletic programs have excelled over the years across many sports, with the girls' track team and the boys' basketball team each holding multiple Virginia High School League state championships; and

WHEREAS, South County High School promotes a welcoming and inclusive community at the school, ensuring the academic, social, and emotional well-being of all of its students; and

WHEREAS, South County High School recognizes its faculty and staff as the foundation of the school's success and provides instructional assistance and other guidance to help them achieve their full potential in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its achievements, South County High School has received various accolades, including a Purple Star School designation, the Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award in 2018, and the Blue Ribbon Award from the Virginia Music Educators Association in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of South County High School over the past 20 years are the result of the efforts of its students, the dedication of its teachers and staff, and the unwavering support of its families, parent-teacher association, and the entire South County High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend South County High School on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to South County High School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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