

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 603

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4 Commending Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D.

5 Patrons—Coyner, Cherry, Earley, Gardner, Jones, McQuinn and Ware

6 WHEREAS, Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D., superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools and
7 an esteemed educator and education administrator who has dedicated nearly a half-century to the growth
8 and development of young people, will retire on June 30, 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Dr. D," Mervin "Merv" B. Daugherty holds a doctorate in
10 leadership in education from Wilmington University, as well as a master's degree in administration and
11 supervision from Salisbury University and a bachelor's degree in education from Frostburg State
12 University; and

13 WHEREAS, Merv Daugherty embarked upon his education career as a high school social studies
14 teacher and coach in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, and went on to assume various leadership roles
15 over the years before ultimately serving as superintendent of Red Clay Consolidated School District in
16 Wilmington, Delaware, from 2009 to 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, Merv Daugherty joined Chesterfield County Public Schools (CCPS) in November 2018
18 and established the motto "all means all" as an ethos to guide the school district, emphasizing the
19 importance of distributing resources equitably among schools and setting the goal for all students to earn
20 a high school diploma and secure a successful future; and

21 WHEREAS, Merv Daugherty's many accomplishments as CCPS superintendent include opening the
22 Commonwealth's first recovery high school program to assist students recovering from substance abuse
23 disorders and the Commonwealth's first kindergarten through eighth grade virtual school to offer
24 students a wider and more diverse array of educational opportunities; and

25 WHEREAS, Merv Daugherty has strengthened the CCPS community during his tenure by enhancing
26 employee compensation and hiring practices and by fostering greater communication between the school
27 district and its families and employees; and

28 WHEREAS, during Merv Daugherty's leadership, CCPS has met the Commonwealth's accreditation
29 standards each year while also earning state and national recognition, including the National ESEA
30 Distinguished School Award in 2019, 2021, and 2023 and the National Blue Ribbon High School Award
31 from the United States Department of Education in 2019; and

32 WHEREAS, Merv Daugherty has received numerous accolades over his career in recognition of his
33 accomplishments as an educator and education administrator and was honored in 2024 as the Virginia
34 Superintendent of the Year for Region 1 by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents; and

35 WHEREAS, through his visionary leadership and tireless devotion to the well-being of students,
36 families, teachers, and staff, Merv Daugherty has made a profound and lasting impact on the
37 Chesterfield County community; now, therefore, be it

38 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D., superintendent of
39 Chesterfield County Public Schools, hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

40 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
41 for presentation to Mervin B. Daugherty, Ed.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration
42 for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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