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Virginia Board of Education Recognizes May 4-8 as Teacher Appreciation Week

The Virginia Board of Education adopted the following resolution today during its April business meeting in Richmond:

WHEREAS, teacher quality is widely acknowledged as the single most important factor influencing student learning and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers, while presenting the rigorous content of the Standards of Learning and local curricula, challenge students to apply what they learn through critical thinking and problem solving; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers prepare students for success in the new Virginia economy through the integration of technology and instruction and through the development of 21st-Century skills, including collaboration and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers strive to instill within their students a lifelong love of learning and discovery; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers encourage students to achieve their goals while recognizing that every student has unique strengths and needs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers, through their service as mentors, coaches and club sponsors model good citizenship and encourage students to contribute to the well-being of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of Virginia teachers to academic excellence and college and career readiness is reflected in annual increases in student performance on state and national assessments; and

WHEREAS, Virginia teachers directly assist the state Board of Education and the Department of Education in periodic revisions of the Standards of Learning by serving on review committees and in other capacities; and

WHEREAS, this year, the week of May 4-8 is set aside as national Teacher Appreciation Week for the purpose of recognizing teachers, both individually and collectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends its sincere gratitude to all Virginia teachers and directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to include this resolution in the minutes of its April 23, 2015, meeting and to communicate it to all of the Commonwealth's public school divisions.

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