Resolution of Appreciation



WHEREAS, in 561 B.C., Confucius became the first teacher in history to be recognized for extending educational opportunity to all students, not just those of noble birth, and,

WHEREAS, the list of teachers who have so profoundly served civilization includes such transformational leaders as Einstein, Aristotle, Euclid, Galileo, Newton, Socrates and Stephen Hawking, and,

WHEREAS, in 1953, the U.S. Congress proclaimed the first National Teacher Day "to honor teachers and recognize the lasting contributions they make to our lives," and

WHEREAS, the week of May 1 through the 7th is National Teacher Week and Tuesday, May 2 is National Teacher Day in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the students of Albemarle County Public Schools have achieved on-time graduation rates that are higher than all 50 states and have a drop-out rate that is less than one-half the state average, and,

WHEREAS, Albemarle County high schools are ranked among the top five percent of all public high schools in the country, and,

WHEREAS, these achievements and those of students throughout the division have attracted the interest of leading universities, research and policy organizations including the White House, and,

WHEREAS, all of these distinctions are made possible by the nation's most highly qualified, dedicated, passionate, innovative and caring teachers, who are in every classroom in every Albemarle County Public School,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board congratulates all Albemarle County Public School teachers on their exceptional professionalism and expresses its deepest appreciation to every teacher for the contributions they make every day to the health, well-being and future success of students and families throughout Albemarle County.

Signed this 28th day of April, 2016

Katherine L. Acuff, Chair