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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Principal Kimberly Patterson upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of distinguished service as an educator

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of the Monticello School District is due in large part to the efforts of Principal Kimberly Patterson; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Principal Kimberly Patterson upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of distinguished service as an educator; she officially retired on May 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Patterson began her illustrious career with the Monticello School District in 1983, when she joined the staff at Rutherford Elementary as a teacher; she later became an administrative intern before becoming principal in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Kimberly Patterson has truly become an icon at Rutherford Elementary, leading the school through many enriching academic and extracurricular improvements; and

WHEREAS, Three generations of students have thrived under Kimberly Patterson's leadership, and she has formed countless treasured relationships with the students, parents and teachers within the Monticello School District; and

WHEREAS, For 33 years, Kimberly Patterson served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Patterson's leadership and drive have always served as an inspiration to those lucky enough to have worked with her; the passion and ingenuity she has shown during her tenure is remarkable, and she will truly be missed; and

WHEREAS, In completing her service as Principal, Kimberly Patterson leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Monticello community and to future generations of its students; and

WHEREAS, In a career which spanned more than three decades, Kimberly Patterson has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered throughout Sullivan County for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Principal Kimberly Patterson upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of distinguished service as an educator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal Kimberly Patterson.