

**No. R-87. House concurrent resolution honoring Jamaica Village School principal Janet Hamilton.**

(H.C.R.55)

Offered by: Representatives Goodwin of Weston and Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, the students in the town of Jamaica have been fortunate to benefit from the tutelage of Janet Hamilton as a teacher and principal, and

Whereas, she arrived in Jamaica in 1972 and applied for a teaching job for which she was overqualified, and

Whereas, the committee interviewing her hoped Janet Hamilton would still agree to take the position and she did accept the teaching offer, and

Whereas, Janet Hamilton began her teaching career in Jamaica as a Title 1 instructor, and

Whereas, her teaching resume also included kindergarten which she taught for two years at the Jamaica Masonic Hall, and

Whereas, for a number of years, Janet Hamilton limited her teaching duties to substituting while she raised her two children and was involved in many community organizations, including her church, the Eastern Star, the Jamaica Memorial Library, and the local recreation committee, and

Whereas, her School Club attendance outdistanced that of any parent, and she has been extremely active in the organization's fundraisers and other events, and

Whereas, in 1987, Janet Hamilton resumed her career as a full-time educator when she was appointed principal and teacher at the Jamaica Village School simultaneously with the opening of an addition to the building, and

Whereas, as a classroom teacher, she has taken her students to the Jamaica Village Cemetery to place flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day, and

Whereas, each February, she presents an "Americanism" program to her students, and

Whereas, one enthusiastic student has described Janet Hamilton as "the strictest, the nicest and the BEST," and her impact on the students and parents has served as a positive educational experience, and

Whereas, in recognition of her stellar career in public education, and for her leadership in the community, the Town of Jamaica is proudly dedicating its 2012 Town Report in her honor, and her achievements merit state legislative recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jamaica Village School principal Janet Hamilton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Janet Hamilton and to the Jamaica Village School.