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RESOLUTION
CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, on January 8, 1839, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the Common School Law;

WHEREAS, Williamsburg Elementary School in Rockingham County opened as North Carolina's first public school on January 20, 1840; and

WHEREAS, economic stability of our great state and local communities has rested on the shoulders of the existence of a healthy system of public schools; and

WHEREAS, there are more than twenty-five hundred public schools open in North Carolina serving more than 1.5 million students of all ethnicities and abilities; and

WHEREAS, at no other time in history have students performed at higher rates on higher standards and teachers been held more accountable for student outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that without hesitation the Montgomery County Board of Education affirms their belief that North Carolina public schools are every child's chance and every community's future and pledge their continued advocacy in word and deed for this sacred institution.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of June, 2015, by the Montgomery County Board of Education.

Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman

Dale Ellis, Secretary