COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF LOUDOUN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE J. MICHAEL LUNSFORD HISTORY CLUB ON THE CONKLIN VILLAGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2016, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors officially recognized February as Black History Month in Loudoun County, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the J. Michael Lunsford Middle School History Club developed the Conklin Village Project upon discovering the school's close proximity to the former Conklin Colored School and Settle-Dean cabin; and,

WHEREAS, the students recognized the importance of not losing the connection to the history that surrounded their current school site and felt it important to recognize the contributions that African Americans have made in the development of Loudoun County; and,

WHEREAS, Conklin Village – including the Conklin Colored School, the Settle-Dean cabin, owned by freed blacks, and the Prosperity Baptist Church, were all erected on land that is the current Lunsford school site; and,

WHEREAS, the students designed and created a mural at Lunsford commemorating Conklin Village's history and built a model of the Settle-Dean Cabin; and,

WHEREAS, the current Lunsford Principal Carrie Simms, Lunsford's former Principal Neil Slevin, instructors Mitch Seipt, Steve Pickering and Andrew Sniffin, as well as Historian for Conklin Village Larry Roeder, and Pastor Lawson of the Prosperity Baptist Church, all worked to assist the students with their research; and,

WHEREAS, the History Club at the J. Michael Lunsford Middle School has demonstrated a great appreciation and respect for the history of their community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on February 18, 2016, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors officially recognizes and commends the History Club of the J. Michael Lunsford Middle School for developing the Conklin Village Project.

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