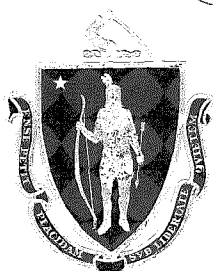


# The Massachusetts General Court



## Resolutions

COMMENDING THE ARLINGTON METCO PROGRAM ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

**WHEREAS**, THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON METCO PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1966 AND, ON JANUARY 21, 2016, IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATING BOSTON STUDENTS INTO THE ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE METCO PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE ENHANCED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS, TO REDUCE THE RACIAL ISOLATION OF SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TO REDUCE SEGREGATION IN CITY SCHOOLS; AND

**WHEREAS**, METCO IS THE SECOND OLDEST VOLUNTARY INTER-DISTRICT SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY DEDICATED TO INCREASING DIVERSITY AND REDUCING RACIAL ISOLATION AND DEPENDS ON THE COLLABORATION OF BOTH URBAN AND SUBURBAN SCHOOLS TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE STILL NEEDED TODAY; AND

**WHEREAS**, METCO HAS BEEN A VEHICLE FOR CHANGE IN THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON AS THE STUDENTS FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON ARE AN INTEGRAL AND VIBRANT PART OF THE FABRIC OF THE ARLINGTON SCHOOLS AND SHARE IN THE SUCCESSES OF A LEVEL 1 RANKING BY THE COMMONWEALTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, ARLINGTON METCO STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING BEING ELECTED BY THEIR PEERS AS JUNIOR CLASS, SENIOR CLASS AND STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, NINETY-FIVE PER CENT OF ARLINGTON METCO STUDENTS GRADUATED AND WENT ON TO SOME FORM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WITH THE REMAINING 5 PER CENT GOING INTO THE WORKFORCE OR JOINING THE MILITARY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE ARLINGTON METCO PROGRAM IS GREATLY VALUED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAS CREATED ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY WHILE ALSO FOSTERING RICH CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE ARLINGTON METCO PROGRAM FOSTERS AND DEVELOPS OUR FUTURE LEADERS OF TOMORROW; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT HEREBY COMMENDS THE ARLINGTON METCO PROGRAM FOR 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AND FURTHER EXTENDS ITS SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS; AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE ARLINGTON METCO PROGRAM.

SENATE, ADOPTED, JANUARY 11, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Stanley C. Rosenberg in blue ink.

STANLEY C. ROSENBERG  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Handwritten signature of William F. Welch in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE SENATE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE, JANUARY 11, 2016.

Handwritten signature of Robert A. DeLeo in blue ink.

ROBERT A. DeLEO  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Handwritten signature of the Clerk of the House in blue ink.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OFFERED BY:

Handwritten signature of Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly in blue ink.

SENATOR KENNETH J. DONNELLY

Handwritten signature of Representative Sean Garballey in blue ink.

REPRESENTATIVE SEAN GARBALLEY

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REPRESENTATIVE DAVID M. ROGERS

