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Legacy of Senator Hooper's Work to be Memorialized

The Sen. Bob and Shirley Hooper Scholarship Initiated at The Highlands School

BEL AIR, Md. - Patricia Bonney, Executive Director of The Highlands School, announced Friday that The Highlands School will honor the legacy of Senator J. Robert Hooper by naming a scholarship in his honor. At his request, the school will name the scholarship the "Sen. Bob and Shirley Hooper Scholarship at The Highlands School."

Bonney met with the Senator recently to share the news with him and his family. The Senator has consistently expressed a special interest in the children who attend The Highlands School, which serves students in grades K-8 with learning differences. "He championed our school's efforts in Annapolis when we sought financial support from the state to help build the newly opened state-of-the-art facility in Bel Air," explained Bonney. Hooper commented, "It's about the children and watching them become a success and learn to read - that's what's so important about the job The Highlands School does."

This scholarship will make it possible for a student, who might otherwise be unable to attend, to benefit from the special remedial education the school provides. Bonney said, "The school is extremely blessed to have a wide network of generous donors including individuals, businesses and foundations who support our vital scholarship program."

Historically, the school has distributed needs-based scholarship funds to 30% of the student population, amounting to more than \$800,000 over the 12 years since the school opened.

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The Highlands School is an independent, non-profit school that serves students in grades K-8, with language processing deficits, Dyslexia, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other learning differences. It is the only school in the Baltimore region with the stated mission of student remediation with the ultimate goal of a timely return to a traditional school.

A child who learns differently needs to be taught differently