

## 2004 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 118

*Endorsing the establishment of a school of pharmacy in Buchanan County.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 30, 2004

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2004

WHEREAS, the need for viable and innovative projects to promote economic development in Southwest Virginia is great; and

WHEREAS, such economic development projects must be designed to bring people and businesses to the area and to be sustainable into the future; and

WHEREAS, several unique and pioneering economic development projects have recently been initiated in Southwest Virginia, i.e., the establishment of the Appalachian School of Law and the proposal for a pharmacy school at the University of Appalachia in Grundy; and

WHEREAS, The Appalachian School of Law has attracted many students from other areas of Virginia and the United States and provides a service to the region by focusing its instruction on small-town and rural practice principles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pharmacy school will also attract students from outside the area as well as deliver educational services to local students who would otherwise be forced to relocate to obtain this education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pharmacy school is projected to have a strong positive economic impact on the area, with an estimated \$20 million per annum and the creation of more than 100 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the importance of this project can be seen by the strong support of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and the action taken in December by the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority to grant a \$3 million loan to the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority for the construction of the University of Appalachia School of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the people of Southwest Virginia and the University of Appalachia will need and deserve to receive all necessary assistance from the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education and appropriate funding from the relevant agencies of the federal government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly of Virginia endorse the establishment of a school of pharmacy in Buchanan County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Virginia Congressional Delegation and the Governor of Virginia, requesting that the Virginia Congressional Delegation further disseminate copies of this resolution to relevant federal officials, such as, but not limited to, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and that the Governor further disseminate copies of this resolution to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the presidents of the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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