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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 495

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*Commending Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology.*

Patrons—Griffith, Fralin and Ware, O.; Senators: Bell and Edwards

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology was established in 1985 as a result of the regional cooperative effort of seven school districts to improve education in mathematics and science; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School, dedicated to leadership in innovative instructional practices and effective service to students and teachers, provides a unique environment in which students and teachers explore the interconnections between science, mathematics, technology, and society and develop the necessary skills and perspectives to impact positively on a constantly changing global society; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School is a member of the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science, and Technology and cohosted the 2003 NCSSMST professional conference; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School student SAT scores in 2003 were 31 percent higher than the national average SAT scores, thus strengthening the public education system in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley Governor's School Class of 2003 received 17 National Merit Awards; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Roanoke Valley Governor's School students received more than \$1.8 million in scholarship offers; and

WHEREAS, more than 99 percent of Roanoke Valley Governor's School students attend college, many of them at the nation's finest colleges, universities, and military service academies; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School has the largest science fair in Western Virginia, and for at least the past 10 years, the two student representatives from the Western Virginia Science Fair chosen to go to the International Science and Engineering Fair have been Roanoke Valley Governor's School students; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School was recognized as one of the "Top 100 Wired High Schools in the Nation" by *PC Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School hosted four Korean delegations from 2003-2004 to collaborate on gifted education and instruction; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School created and maintains a credible alternative to the Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate models for high school programs for gifted learners; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School has staff modeling of professionalism, integrity, and lifelong learning and emphasizes professional growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke Valley Governor's School assists at-risk students through the use of clear guidelines and procedures outlined in the Student Performance Strategies; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 one of the science teachers at the Roanoke Valley Governor's School was awarded "Virginia Science Teacher of the Year"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology on its outstanding accomplishments and its contributions to the Roanoke Valley; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Evan Glazer, director of Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the school's dedication to excellence.

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