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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 501

Offered February 12, 2007

Commending the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center.

Patrons—Hanger; Delegate: Landes

WHEREAS, in November 2007, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville will mark its 60th anniversary of service to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1947, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center was named after President Woodrow Wilson, who signed into law the first federal Vocational Rehabilitation Act, which established the state/federal system of rehabilitation services in 1920; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center has established an enviable record of success in assisting Virginians with disabilities to live independent, rewarding, and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center is the only state-owned and operated comprehensive rehabilitation facility in Virginia and one of only nine in the country; and

WHEREAS, during its 60-year history, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center has provided services to more than 71,295 people with disabilities to help them learn the skills necessary to gain employment and live independently; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center's comprehensive programs and services provide responsive, coordinated, and flexible consumer-directed services that meet the diverse needs of students and clients; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center draws substantial support from volunteers, over 275 of whom contributed over 59,750 hours of service through 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center is a division of the Department of Rehabilitative Services and is an invaluable resource for its consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center is highly regarded as a community partner in assisting persons with disabilities in Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County, and adjacent communities, and

WHEREAS, Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center is recognized as the "Premier Rehabilitation Community" in Virginia serving people with disabilities through its centers of excellence, including Youth in Transition, Neuro-Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Diagnosis and Assessment, and Assistive Technology Services and Products; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia's workforce has greatly benefited from competent, qualified, and well-prepared workers with disabilities who graduated from the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its exemplary record of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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