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Commending the Wallops Flight Facility on the occasion of its 65th anniversary.

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WHEREAS, the Wallops Flight Facility, located on Virginia's Eastern Shore, is part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and its Goddard Space Flight Center; and

WHEREAS, the Wallops Flight Facility began in 1945 as the Pilotless Aircraft Research Station under the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics as part of the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory in Hampton; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 65 years of existence, the Wallops Flight Facility has been a major contributor to the nation's space exploration and economic, educational, and scientific development; and

WHEREAS, the Wallops Flight Facility has for 65 years supported commercial space and national security technology development; and

WHEREAS, the Wallops Flight Facility has launched rocket-propelled research vehicles and scientific balloons and conducted thousands of aeronautical and aircraft tests to gain research information on flight characteristics of aircraft and spacecraft to increase knowledge of both earth and space environments; and

WHEREAS, the research at the Wallops Flight Facility has led to significant contributions to the nation's and the Commonwealth's space, science, and aviation programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Wallops Flight Facility on the occasion of its 65th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Wallops Flight Facility in honor of its 65 years of service to the nation.

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