HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 605

Commending Elizabeth H. Haskell.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, May 14, 2012

WHEREAS, Elizabeth H. Haskell has made many valuable contributions to higher education in Southern Virginia during her tenure on the board of directors of New College Institute in Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Haskell, a respected leader in environmental public service and Virginia's former Secretary of Natural Resources, has served the Commonwealth in numerous capacities in addition to once running her own environmental consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, following her tenure as Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources, Elizabeth Haskell returned to the family newspaper business as director and vice president of the Martinsville Bulletin, Inc., and immersed herself in local civic and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, committed to the well-being and prosperity of Southern Virginia residents, Elizabeth Haskell brought years of executive and state leadership experience to the newly formed New College Institute's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the important role of higher education in the area's economy, Elizabeth Haskell has been a vital member of the board of directors of New College Institute since its inception in 2006; and

WHEREAS, as vice-chair of the board of directors, Elizabeth Haskell has provided strong leadership and encouragement to advance New College Institute's mission of opening doors to higher education in Southern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Haskell, as one of New College Institute's first board members, has helped lay the foundation for the institute's future success through her hard work and leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Elizabeth H. Haskell hereby be commended for her distinguished service as a member and vice-chair of the board of directors of New College Institute; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elizabeth H. Haskell as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her commitment to higher education.