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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 367

Offered February 25, 2014

Commending Thomas B. Cannon.

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. and Adams; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Thomas B. Cannon, a respected and admired professor of information technology who taught at Danville Community College for 49 years, retired on December 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Thomas "Tommy" Cannon, who earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), began teaching at Danville Community College (DCC) in 1964; he was the longest-serving faculty member when he retired; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Cannon's first teaching assignments at DCC in the mid-1960s were business math and typing, and most of his students hoped to become secretaries, but as technology made inroads into the field of business education, vastly changing it, the curriculum changed as well; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Cannon relished the changes and loved learning new teaching methods and new topics; at the time of his retirement, he taught classes in information technology, including spreadsheets, computer applications and integration, and computer programming; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his love of teaching, Tommy Cannon also is proud to have taught scores of business professionals in the area; over the years, he has taught almost every banker in Danville—and many of their employees; and

WHEREAS, every division secretary who was on the DCC staff at the time of Tommy Cannon's retirement in 2013 also had been a student of his at one time, and he is proud that he can remember the names of many of the thousands of students who studied under him; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Cannon, who also served as interim dean of the Division of Business and Engineering Technologies on four separate occasions, is pleased that the community college now offers workforce training, which helps to strengthen the economy in Danville and Southside Virginia; and

WHEREAS, widely admired by students and colleagues alike, Tommy Cannon is thankful to have spent his career doing what he loved—teaching—and guiding his students as they mastered new skills, matured, became productive members of society, and had the opportunity for a better future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Thomas B. Cannon, a teacher at Danville Community College for 49 years and a widely respected and admired professor of information technology, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Thomas B. Cannon as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his many years of dedicated public service to Danville Community College, the Danville area, and the Commonwealth.

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