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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 93

Offered January 13, 2014

Commending Wytheville Community College.

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WHEREAS, Wytheville Community College, which welcomed its first students in September 1963, celebrates its 50th anniversary during the 2013-2014 academic year; and

WHEREAS, in its first year, Wytheville Community College had 107 students and five full-time faculty members; it was a two-year branch of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, commonly known as Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, after the Virginia Community College System was established in 1966, Wytheville Community College became a member on July 1, 1967; enrollment that fall was 837 students, and the college employed 21 full-time faculty members; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Wytheville Community College is to provide high-quality post-secondary educational opportunities and community services; the values shared by the students, staff, and administration help ensure the success of the college's mission; and

WHEREAS, Wytheville Community College's shared values are to provide a quality education and performance; build community; ensure open access to higher education; establish community partnerships; secure public trust; and recognize the worth, dignity, and respect inherent in all individuals; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the first building opened on the permanent campus of Wytheville Community College; in its early years, classes met in a building owned by Wythe County; today the lovely campus in southwestern Virginia consists of six buildings on 148 acres; and

WHEREAS, with more than 4,000 students and a faculty of almost 200, Wytheville Community College in the 21st century continues to focus on its core mission to educate students and serve the needs of the greater community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Wytheville Community College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Charlie White, president of Wytheville Community College, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and congratulations for 50 years of helping to equip the students of southwest Virginia with the tools necessary for success and of being a valued resource for the community.

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