

2015 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 922

Commending Samir N. Saliba.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2015
Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 2015

WHEREAS, in 2014, Samir N. Saliba, the longest-serving faculty member of Emory & Henry College in Washington County, received the William and Martha DeFriece Award for his 50 years of exceptional service to and leadership of the college; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lebanon, Samir Saliba earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Tulane University; in 1964, he joined the faculty of Emory & Henry College, where he established the Political Science Department and served as department chair from 1968 to 1972 and 1985 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, also serving as chair of the Division of Social Sciences, Samir Saliba was responsible for setting the division's high academic standards and hired several notable faculty members; and

WHEREAS, as dean of faculty from 1972 to 1984, Samir Saliba was the second-longest serving dean in the history of the college; he developed a new curriculum that emphasized the emerging concept of globalization and worked with other private colleges in the Commonwealth to create the Tuition Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, Samir Saliba also served as interim president of the college from 1972 to 1973, has served as the advisor for the pre-law program since 1984, and is the director of the Center for International Studies at Emory & Henry College; he has held the titles of Hawthorne Professor of Political Science and Meyung-Alley Professor of International Studies; and

WHEREAS, Samir Saliba has earned many other awards and accolades for his visionary teaching methods and support for his students and fellow faculty members; the Samir N. Saliba Endowment for International Education at Emory & Henry College is named in his honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Samir N. Saliba on receiving the 2014 William and Martha DeFriece Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Samir N. Saliba as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional legacy of service to the Emory & Henry College community.

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