

**2017 SESSION**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1034**

*Commending Arthur Jerry Benson.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2017  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, Arthur Jerry Benson of Harrisonburg, who has served the James Madison University community for 37 years, retires as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Benson holds a bachelor's degree from Concord College and master's and doctoral degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers; he began his career as an educator in West Virginia, then joined James Madison University in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Benson served as an assistant professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Center and Shenandoah Valley Child Development Clinic; he later was dean of the College of Education and Psychology and dean of the College of Integrated Science and Technology, where he helped establish an innovative intelligence analysis program; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Benson became the vice provost for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health and human services in 2007 and was asked to serve as interim provost in the summer of 2010; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Benson was officially named provost and senior vice president for academic affairs in September 2012; he has ably worked with the deans and other leaders of James Madison University to better serve students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, Jerry Benson collaborated with students and faculty to enhance academic standards at James Madison University and oversaw a major revision of the Academic Program Review guidelines and processes; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Benson also developed the Academic Affairs Division Environmental Action Plan and worked with other universities to develop and implement the 4VA program to promote collaborative research, course sharing, and other programs to benefit students and the universities; and

WHEREAS, highly respected in his field, Jerry Benson is a licensed clinical psychologist, and he has volunteered his time and leadership with peer, professional, and community organizations at local, state, and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Arthur Jerry Benson for his many contributions to James Madison University on the occasion of his retirement as provost and senior vice president; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Arthur Jerry Benson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service to countless students and the entire James Madison University community.

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