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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 660

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*Commending Hollins University.*

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WHEREAS, during the 2016 - 2017 academic year, Hollins University, the first chartered women's institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, celebrates 175 years of providing an exceptional liberal arts education; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1842 as Valley Union Seminary, Hollins University has evolved into a full university, offering a comprehensive undergraduate liberal arts education to women and eight graduate-level programs to both men and women; and

WHEREAS, as one of the oldest women's colleges in the United States, Hollins University, which is located on the border of Botetourt County and Roanoke County, is listed on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register; and

WHEREAS, Hollins University is well-known for its undergraduate and graduate writing programs and counts among its many prominent alumnae several Pulitzer Prize-winning authors and a former United States Poet Laureate; and

WHEREAS, offering a rigorous curriculum, study abroad programs, career and internship support, and a wide variety of competitive athletic teams and engaging co-curricular activities, Hollins University prepares students for lives of active learning, fulfilling work, personal growth, achievement, and service to society; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of its 175-year history, Hollins University has endured and thrived in a changing world by nurturing civility, integrity, and concern for others among its students and placing a high value on diversity, social justice, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, true to the Hollins University motto of *Levavi Oculos*, graduates demonstrate problem solving and critical thinking skills, creativity and effective self-expression, and respect for independent inquiry and the free exchange of ideas as they work to serve their communities in the Commonwealth and throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hollins University on the occasion of its 175th anniversary during the 2016 - 2017 academic year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nancy Oliver Gray, president of Hollins University, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the institution's legacy of academic excellence and service to the Roanoke region.

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