

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 834

Commending Blue Ridge Community College.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2017

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Blue Ridge Community College in Augusta County has provided students with exceptional educational opportunities and made numerous important contributions to the region; and

WHEREAS, Cletus and Charlotte Houff acquired land in Weyers Cave and subsequently provided that land for the establishment of a community college; and

WHEREAS, a small group of community leaders broke ground on that land in August of 1966 to establish Blue Ridge Community College; and

WHEREAS, the first students began classes at Blue Ridge Community College on October 2, 1967, at 8:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Community College has offered college transfer, career and technical, workforce training, and personal enrichment courses to more than 130,000 students since 1967; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Community College has graduated more than 17,681 students, who have earned degrees, diplomas, and certificates; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Community College has served the education and workforce needs of more than 2,500 local business and industry partners in fulfillment of its mission for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Community College has served a key role in regional economic development, in partnership with local governments, economic developers, other education providers, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Community College faculty, staff, administrators, and students have brought honor and positive recognition to Weyers Cave and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John A. Downey, president of Blue Ridge Community College, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the college's legacy of academic excellence and service to the community.

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