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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 835

Offered January 26, 2017

Commending Fredericksburg Academy.

Patrons—Cole, Dudenhefer, Howell and Orrock; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg Academy, located in Spotsylvania County, celebrated 25 years of independent educational excellence during the 2016 - 2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg Academy was established to provide local families the opportunity to send their children to an independent school, an option that did not exist in the Fredericksburg region at the time; and

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg Academy was founded as a coeducational, nonsectarian school and opened on September 8, 1992, with 60 students aged pre-kindergarten through eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, after Fredericksburg Academy's enrollment doubled, the academy moved to its current location in Spotsylvania County in 1993; that same year, the academy opened its Upper School division with ninth grade, and added one grade level in each subsequent year; and

WHEREAS, the Class of 1997 became Fredericksburg Academy's first graduating class; and

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg Academy dedicated the John and Virginia Hazel Sports Center in 1998; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2000, the Constance Suzanne O'Connell Memorial Library and Computer Center was dedicated in memory of Fredericksburg Academy student Connie O'Connell; and

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg Academy established a permanent home for its Upper School and dedicated the Hazel Family Arts and Sciences building in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the significant role of the Quarles family and The Gladys T. Quarles Charitable Trust in the founding of Fredericksburg Academy, the Board of Trustees dedicated the Middle School facility as the Gladys T. Quarles Building on December 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Class of 2016 became Fredericksburg Academy's 20th graduating class; and

WHEREAS, in its 25-year history, 100 percent of Fredericksburg Academy graduates have been admitted to four-year colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg Academy remains the region's only truly independent school; and

WHEREAS, Karen Moschetto, the fourth head of school of Fredericksburg Academy, who has served since 2010, and the Board of Trustees, Fredericksburg Academy's governing body, will ably guide the academy into the next 25 years of fulfilling its mission to inspire and empower students to discover, to engage, and to imagine the limitless nature of themselves and the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Fredericksburg Academy on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Moschetto, head of school of Fredericksburg Academy, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's contributions to Spotsylvania County.

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