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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 895

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Commending Summit Christian Academy.

Patrons—Pogge; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, the 2016 - 2017 academic year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of Summit Christian Academy on the Virginia Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy was founded by members of Peninsula Community Chapel who wanted to create a Christian school that placed special emphasis on critical thinking skills; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1996, Summit Christian Academy opened its doors to students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and awarded diplomas to its first graduating class in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy currently has 207 students representing over 60 different churches and its Christ-centered curriculum is rigorous and rich; and

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy's Grammar School (kindergarten - sixth grade) is housed at Immanuel Baptist Church in Newport News and the Upper School (seventh - twelfth grade) is housed at Peninsula Community Chapel in Yorktown; and

WHEREAS, what sets Summit Christian Academy apart from other private schools on the Peninsula is its mission of providing students with a classical education based on the trivium of teaching grammar, logic, and rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy approaches education in three stages: the grammar stage (kindergarten - sixth grade), dialectic stage (seventh - ninth grade), and rhetoric stage (tenth - twelfth grade); and

WHEREAS, the motto of Summit Christian Academy is "Discern, Articulate, Serve," and the school strives to develop lifelong learners who are well-equipped to meet the educational, professional, moral, and spiritual challenges of adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has memberships and affiliations with the Association of Classical Christian Schools, Association of Christian Schools International, Society for Classical Learning, and the College Board; and

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy was awarded Overall Bronze - Best Child Development Center and Overall Silver - Private School in *Coastal Living Magazine's* Best of 2016 Readers' Choice Awards; and

WHEREAS, Summit Christian Academy's continued growth and success over the past two decades is a tribute to its dedicated staff of teachers and administrators, as well as the loyal parents who volunteer and donate their time and resources to improving the school community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Summit Christian Academy on the 20th anniversary of its founding on the Virginia Peninsula; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tim Grimes, headmaster at Summit Christian Academy, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's unique mission and dedication to educating the Commonwealth's next generation of leaders and thinkers.

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