

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 923

Commending Central Virginia Community College.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg is commemorating the 50th anniversary of its founding and five decades as a vital education partner for the localities of Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Assembly enacted legislation to establish a statewide system of comprehensive community colleges to serve the various regions of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the State Board for Community Colleges selected Central Virginia as a community college location to serve the Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford and the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell; and

WHEREAS, at the first meeting of the local advisory board in March 1967, the name Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) was selected; and

WHEREAS, CVCC operated in temporary quarters during the 1967 - 1968 academic year, and the present-day main campus on Wards Road was dedicated by Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., in November 1968; and

WHEREAS, when classes commenced in the fall of 1967, 216 students were enrolled at CVCC, and, in May 1969, the first graduating class had 14 members; and

WHEREAS, since then, CVCC has presented over 20,000 degrees, specialized skill career certificates, and awards to over 18,000 student graduates; CVCC also partners with five local school systems to offer dual-enrollment programs; and

WHEREAS, CVCC was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1969, then reaffirmed in 1973, 1984, 1994, 2004, and 2015; and

WHEREAS, since its beginnings, CVCC has expanded tremendously in terms of programs of study, course offerings, and state-of-the-art facilities in order to meet the needs of an ever-changing workforce; and

WHEREAS, CVCC and its students have earned numerous awards and honors throughout the years, and the success of the college is measured in the accomplishments of its students and the increased quality of life for those who have walked through its doors; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, CVCC has been a partner in regional vitality, a catalyst for economic development, a leader in workforce training, and the first choice for many who aspire to improve their lives through the power of education; and

WHEREAS, in its next half century, CVCC will continue to offer affordable, high-quality education options and will adapt, improve, and advance to meet the changing needs of the communities it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. John S. Capps, the seventh president of Central Virginia Community College, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the college's rich history of education and public service.

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