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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 438**

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*Commending the George Mason University Science and Technology Campus.*

Patrons—Anderson, Bell, John J., Dudenhefer, Hugo, Lingamfelter, Marshall, R.G., Miller and Torian

WHEREAS, the George Mason University Science and Technology Campus in Manassas is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, established in 1997 as the George Mason University (GMU) Prince William Campus, the campus was rebranded in 2015 as the GMU Science and Technology Campus to emphasize its cutting-edge work in science, math, and technology; and

WHEREAS, the GMU Science and Technology Campus is located at the heart of Innovation Park, a 16,000-acre, public-private cooperative effort to attract research firms, bio-manufacturing businesses, data centers, and other corporate offices to the center; and

WHEREAS, the 134-acre GMU Science and Technology Campus, often referred to as SciTech, serves more than 4,000 students and features innovative facilities specially designed for classrooms, libraries, laboratories, recreation, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the GMU Science and Technology Campus is home to the 110,000-square-foot Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Hylton Performing Arts Center, and houses the substantial personal collection of sculptures and artwork by local artists Harold Vogel and Hilde Vogel-Michalik; and

WHEREAS, among the research and academic programs offered at the GMU Science and Technology Campus are information technology, health and fitness, nursing, teacher education, recreation, sports management, tourism and events management, and athletic training; and

WHEREAS, the GMU Science and Technology Campus prizes innovation and features a state-of-the-art Biomedical Research Laboratory and the Institute for Advanced Biomedical Research, a multidisciplinary facility that seeks to address some of the toughest medical questions facing society; and

WHEREAS, the GMU Science and Technology Campus hosts the Governor's School @ Innovation Park, a collaborative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math initiative of the public school systems of City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, and Prince William County, in partnership with GMU; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, one of the main halls at the GMU Science and Technology Campus was renamed in honor of the late state Senator Charles J. Colgan, who died in 2017 and who was instrumental in securing initial funding for the campus, and the university also erected a bronze statue of the Commonwealth's longest-serving state senator on campus; and

WHEREAS, for two decades the GMU Science and Technology Campus has provided innovative and convenient access to career and technical education for the citizens of Prince William, Fauquier, and western Fairfax Counties and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the George Mason University Science and Technology Campus hereby be commended on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Ángel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the commitment to excellence and innovation in higher education at the George Mason University Science and Technology Campus.

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