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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 259

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*Commending John Tyler Community College.*

Patrons—Dance, Chase, Dunnavant, Lucas, Ruff and Sturtevant; Delegates: Bagby, Robinson, Tyler and Ware

WHEREAS, in 2017, John Tyler Community College celebrates 50 years of providing an exceptional education and giving young men and women the tools to achieve success in their careers and become leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Assembly of Virginia established a statewide system of comprehensive community colleges to address the Commonwealth's unmet needs in higher education and workforce training; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler Community College, one of the first community colleges, officially opened for students on October 2, 1967, and is named in honor of John Tyler, the tenth president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler Community College is now a two-campus institution and the fifth largest institution in the Virginia Community College System; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler Community College serves the geographic district comprising the Counties of Amelia, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry, and Sussex and the Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler Community College has served more than 193,000 students in certificate and degree programs since opening and provides students with pathways to continuing educational opportunities, industry certifications, and immediate employment; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler Community College graduates become leaders, advocates, innovators, skilled professionals, and service providers in a variety of fields and make valuable contributions to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler Community College supports economic development throughout its service area by providing workforce training to the private and public sectors through the Community College Workforce Alliance; and

WHEREAS, John Tyler Community College remains committed to providing "quality educational opportunities that inspire student success and community vitality"; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Edward E. Raspiller, president of John Tyler Community College, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on this historic milestone.

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