SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

Commending Marshall Price.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, Marshall Price, who oversaw a major expansion of the student body and curriculum offerings of Massanutten Technical Center during his 16-year tenure as director, retired from the school in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Price received his bachelor's and master's degrees from James Madison University in Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, since Marshall Price joined Massanutten Technical Center, the school's enrollment quadrupled from 250 to 1,000, and the number of programs offered increased from 15 to 20, with 17 offering college credit for high school students; and

WHEREAS, Massanutten Technical Center serves students from Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County public schools, as well as adult students, offering courses for aspiring practical nurses, architects, dental assistants, carpenters, masons, and electricians, among other careers; and

WHEREAS, because of Marshall Price's leadership, vocational students can now earn industrial certification and college credits through dual enrollment partnerships with area colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Price challenged old ideas in creating an unparalleled learning experience at Massanutten Technical Center, and he has worked to change the perception of vocational education, which is supplying a critical pipeline in the Shenandoah Valley economy; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Price's dedication to vocational education, coupled with his desire to see the students of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County succeed, has greatly improved the job prospects for hundreds of tradesmen and tradeswomen who have graduated from Massanutten Technical Center during his tenure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Marshall Price hereby be commended for 16 years of exceptional service and dedication to Massanutten Technical Center; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marshall Price as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his work to expand and improve vocational education in the Shenandoah Valley.