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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 179

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Commending the Virginia Space Flight Academy.

Patrons—Bloxom, Carr and Sickles; Senators: Carrico, Chafin, Cosgrove, DeSteph and Lewis

WHEREAS, the Virginia Space Flight Academy, a nonprofit organization on Wallops Island, has provided unique educational opportunities to students for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's Eastern Shore is an aerospace hub that supports the diverse missions of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the United States Navy, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Virginia Space and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; in 1997, the Eastern Shore Regional Partnership formed a Space Flight Academy Task Force to initiate a residential space camp pilot project to showcase and leverage the region's aerospace expertise; and

WHEREAS, the space camp evolved into the Virginia Space Flight Academy in 1998; the academy started as a pilot program in collaboration with NASA, the United States Navy, Old Dominion University, and the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Space Flight Academy expanded quickly and has grown to offer a variety of summer camp programs over the years to inspire and grow the next generation of scientists and engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Space Flight Academy and its partners have motivated thousands of students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math career fields through multiple weeklong summer camp experiences and "brain-stretching fun" over the past 20 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Space Flight Academy 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 the Virginia Space Flight Academy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its contributions to inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers.

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