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Commending *The College of William and Mary*.

Patrons—Mullin, Aird, Bell, John J., Bulova, Hugo, Miyares and Murphy; Senators: DeSteph, Mason and Norment

WHEREAS, in 1918, The College of William and Mary admitted its first women students, heralding a new era of academic opportunities and diverse career paths for women throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a trailblazing group of 24 women enrolled at The College of William and Mary with its first coeducational class, and 100 years later, more than half of the student body is female; and

WHEREAS, the first women students at The College of William and Mary paved the way for the institution's first minority students; the first Asian American woman was admitted in the 1930s and the first African American students, three women, were admitted in 1967; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2018, The College of William and Mary will begin a year-long celebration to commemorate the contributions of generations of women students and explore ways to better serve all students in the future; and

WHEREAS, the celebration will feature a women's leadership summit, bringing together alumnae, students, faculty, and special guests of The College of William and Mary for panels, workshops, and other opportunities for networking and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, The College of William and Mary identified several key initiatives to recognize the achievements of current women students and alumnae, including a speaker series and a multimedia exhibition showcasing prominent women students; alumnae throughout the United States will have the opportunity to join in the celebration through a new endowment that will fund regional engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, The College of William and Mary will also fund a research project for students exploring issues involving gender in education, and faculty members from multiple disciplines will collaborate to create new courses or add gender components to existing courses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The College of William and Mary on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of coeducation at the institution; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The College of William and Mary as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the many accomplishments of the institution's women students and alumnae.

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