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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 113

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*Commending the Thomas C. Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership.*

Patrons—Cosgrove, Ebbin, Lewis, McClellan and McPike

WHEREAS, the Thomas C. Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia was established by a group of public-spirited citizens in 1993 to improve political leadership and strengthen the quality of governance at all levels of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, through educational programs designed around public policy, ethics, and practical politics, the Sorensen Institute prepares Virginia's emerging leaders for public service as candidates for office, government officials, and active citizens in the affairs of their communities, the Commonwealth, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Sorensen Institute's Political Leaders Program, Emerging Leaders Program, Candidate Training Program, College Leaders Program, and High School Leaders Program can now claim some 2,200 alumni, including Governor Ralph Northam, current and former members of the General Assembly on both sides of the aisle, public servants at the local and federal levels, and many local community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the alumni of the Sorensen Institute provide an example of ethical and respectful behavior that respects differences of opinion and seeks cooperation amid the policy battles and political campaigns that define public life; and

WHEREAS, Sorensen Institute alumni build bonds of friendship across ideological lines and from one end of the Commonwealth to the other; these bonds serve to strengthen the legislative and policymaking process, improve the tone of debates and campaigns, and increase civility in government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Thomas C. Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Thomas C. Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the continuing contributions of the institute's distinguished alumni to public life in the Commonwealth.

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