

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 857

Commending Randolph-Macon College.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2019

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2018, Randolph-Macon College, the second-oldest Methodist-run college in the nation, celebrated the 150th anniversary of the institution's move from its original location in Boydton to Ashland; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1830 with support from Methodist organizations in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, Randolph-Macon College relocated to Ashland in 1868, after the railroad to the campus in Boydton was destroyed during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, chronicled in the book by emeritus faculty member James Edward Scanlon, *Randolph-Macon College: A Southern History, 1825 - 1967*, the move granted Randolph-Macon College a more accessible location and an opportunity to build a stronger relationship with the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Randolph-Macon College's rich and vibrant partnership with the Town of Ashland has helped the institution grow to an enrollment of more than 1,400 students in a wide range of disciplines; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past 150 years, Randolph-Macon College has become a vital part of the Ashland community, extending its school motto—Building Extraordinary Futures—to include its friends and neighbors in Ashland, as well as its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Randolph-Macon College on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the institution's move to Ashland; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Randolph-Macon College as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the institution's commitment to excellence in higher education and numerous contributions to the Ashland community.

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