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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 868

Offered February 8, 2019

*Commending The Apprentice School.*

Patrons—Price, Mullin and Yancey; Senators: Locke and Mason

WHEREAS, for 100 years, The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding has shaped the future of the shipbuilding industry by providing an exceptional vocational education; and

WHEREAS, the first Newport News Shipbuilding apprentice, Norwood Jones, graduated on April 4, 1894, and The Apprentice School was formally established on July 1, 1919; the school has since graduated more than 10,800 apprentices; and

WHEREAS, in its early years, The Apprentice School offered only shop training, but has expanded its rigorous curriculum to include the study of mathematics, physics, strength of materials, drafting, marine engineering, shipbuilding operations, technical communications, and other subjects to give students a strong academic foundation for technical training; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship as a form of education provides significant benefits for both students and businesses, and The Apprentice School's highly effective instructional system and academic components ensure that students have the tools to succeed in demanding careers; and

WHEREAS, The Apprentice School offers 28 different four-year, five-year, or eight-year programs, enrolling approximately 800 young men and women, who not only learn valuable career skills, but earn compensation for on-the-job training; and

WHEREAS, The Apprentice School has been recognized regionally, nationally, and globally as an exceptional model for similar schools, providing an example of how the apprenticeship concept can apply to a wide array of skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, The Apprentice School has enhanced the reputation of Newport News Shipbuilding as a global leader in commercial and military shipbuilding and played a vital role in the company's traditions of success and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Apprentice School will commemorate its centennial with special events and activities throughout 2019; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Apprentice School for its service to generations of students on the occasion of its 100th anniversary in 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The Apprentice School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its commitment to craftsmanship, scholarship, and leadership.

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