

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 243

*Commending Richard L. Semmler.*

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

WHEREAS, Richard L. Semmler, a professor of mathematics at Northern Virginia Community College, has dedicated his life to the service of others and to support for higher education in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 44-year career in higher education, Richard Semmler has donated more than \$1,000,000 to the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Semmler takes an active role in his investments by engaging directly with the recipients of his Pathway to the Baccalaureate Program scholarships, inviting students to complete 15 hours of community service with him as part of the program; and

WHEREAS, while NVCC is Richard Semmler's primary beneficiary, he has also given generously to his alma mater, the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, which hosts an annual day of service in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Richard Semmler volunteers his time with the Central Union Mission, where he has served weekly meals to the less fortunate for more than 18 years, and Habitat for Humanity, with which he has helped build more than 100 houses; and

WHEREAS, Richard Semmler has gone above and beyond in his philanthropic work, demonstrating great personal sacrifice and an unparalleled commitment to giving in his quest to enhance the lives of his students and fellow Northern Virginia residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Richard L. Semmler hereby be commended for his selfless volunteer service and legacy of support for Northern Virginia Community College; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard L. Semmler as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his generosity and commitment to strengthening the Northern Virginia community.

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