

2019 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 436

Commending Universal Corporation.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Universal Corporation, the world's leading tobacco leaf supplier, celebrated its 100th anniversary and its Richmond roots in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Universal Corporation traces its origins to the late 19th century, and producing leaf tobacco has been its core business since its founding; the process involves contracting with and providing agronomy support to farmers throughout the Commonwealth, country, and world; and

WHEREAS, through its affiliate, Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Universal Corporation procures and processes flue-cured, burley, dark-fire, and oriental leaf tobacco for manufacturers of consumer tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1918 by Virginia tobacconist Jaquelin P. Taylor, Universal Corporation's original administrative office was located in the Allison Building at 803 1/2 East Main Street, adjacent to Virginia's Capitol; now at 9201 Forest Hill Avenue, Universal Corporation is proud to have provided job opportunities to Richmond's citizens for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Universal Corporation has pursued innovative solutions to serve its customers and meet their leaf tobacco demand; the business has built a global presence, solidified long-term relationships with customers and suppliers, adapted to changing agricultural practices, embraced state of the art technology, and emerged as the recognized industry leader; today it conducts business in over 30 countries, spanning five continents and employing over 20,000 permanent and seasonal workers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Universal Corporation, the world's leading tobacco leaf supplier, on its 100th anniversary in Richmond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Universal Corporation as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its continued commitment to leadership in setting industry standards, operating with transparency, providing responsibly sourced products, and investing in and strengthening the Richmond community.

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