

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 318

Commending Germanna Community College.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, Germanna Community College, a comprehensive community college serving students from the City of Fredericksburg and the Counties of Caroline, Culpeper, King George, Madison, Orange, Spotsylvania, and Stafford, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Germanna Community College date to the 1960s, when the Virginia legislature created the Virginia Community College System, and the Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc., donated 100 acres of property to serve as the site of a new community college in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Germanna Community College opened its Fredericksburg-area campus on a 70-acre parcel donated by the John T. Hazel family; the Workforce Development and Technology Center subsequently opened in 2004, followed by the Science and Engineering Building and Information Commons in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Germanna Community College extended to Culpeper County in 2006 when the Joseph R. Daniel Technology Center opened on land donated previously by Rose Bente Lee, Kaye and Marie Andrus, Nicholas and Flora Tomasetti, and Philip and Susan DeSiato; and

WHEREAS, the institution continued to grow with support from the Stafford Economic Development Authority, which contributed to the creation of what is now the Germanna Community College Barbara J. Fried Center in 2009 and the college's Automotive Technology Center in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the most recent additions to the Germanna Community College network are the Center for Workforce & Community Education's Caroline Center and the Fredericksburg Center for Advanced Technology, which both greatly improve access to noncredit workforce training for countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, Germanna Community College provides high-quality, affordable educational and training opportunities, enhancing the academic and career trajectories of its students; since its founding, the college has granted more than 15,000 associate degrees and 11,000 certificates and diplomas; and

WHEREAS, through its curriculum and administrative practices, Germanna Community College cultivates a diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning environment where people from all walks of life can thrive; and

WHEREAS, through the Germanna Community College Alumni Association and the Germanna Community College Educational Foundation, Inc., the university continues to grow and progress as one of the leading academic institutions in the area; and

WHEREAS, as a dynamic learning environment, Germanna Community College prepares its graduates to make impactful contributions to the social, economic, political, cultural, and intellectual life of communities in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Germanna Community College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Janet Gullickson, president of Germanna Community College, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for the school's history and its service to the Commonwealth.

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