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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 386

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Commending Kenneth Ross Garren.

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WHEREAS, Kenneth Ross Garren has served as the president of the University of Lynchburg, formerly Lynchburg College, since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren ably led the University of Lynchburg through a period of expansion and innovation; graduates who benefited from programs established or expanded under his leadership have gone on to become educators, health care practitioners, artists and performers, scientists, business leaders, and public servants in Virginia and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren led the University of Lynchburg through a significant expansion of offerings at the graduate school level, culminating in Lynchburg College achieving University status; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren is recognized as a champion for students, diversity, academic accomplishment, and athletic success; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and has promoted ethics and critical thinking through his longtime support of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Ethics Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren has exercised his voice to help legislators and other leaders in the state and federal government understand the importance of higher education and the ways they can better serve students; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren has volunteered his time, expertise, and leadership to many civic and community organizations in the City of Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, earlier in his career, Kenneth Garren worked on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Apollo program and subsequently served for more than 30 years as a professor and administrator at his alma mater, Roanoke College; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren served his country as a member of the United States Army National Guard and retired as a colonel in the United States Army Reserve after many years of decorated service; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Garren will retire from the University of Lynchburg in 2020, at the conclusion of his 19th year as president; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kenneth Ross Garren, longtime president of the University of Lynchburg, for his more than 50 years of service to higher education; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kenneth Ross Garren as an expression of the General Assembly's profound respect and admiration for his contributions to the University of Lynchburg, the City of Lynchburg, and the Commonwealth.

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