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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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Commending New River Community College.

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WHEREAS, for 50 years, New River Community College in Dublin has made numerous contributions to higher education and had a positive impact on the region and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, originally known as New River Vocational-Technical School, New River Community College welcomed its first students on September 15, 1959; and

WHEREAS, in its first year, New River Vocational-Technical School enrolled 52 students in day and evening courses in industrial electronics and engineering drafting in the former Belle Heth Elementary School in Radford; and

WHEREAS, after the establishment of the Virginia Community College System in 1966, New River Vocational-Technical School became a member on July 1, 1966; fall enrollment that year was 837 students, with 21 full-time faculty members; and

WHEREAS, New River Vocational-Technical School officially became New River Community College on July 1, 1969; the following year, the institution moved into new facilities on what is now the current main campus in Dublin; and

WHEREAS, the mission of New River Community College is to give students the opportunity to learn and develop the right skills to succeed in education and careers and strengthen their communities; and

WHEREAS, New River Community College believes that all people should have a chance not only to develop and extend their skills and knowledge, but to increase their awareness of their roles and duties as good citizens; and

WHEREAS, New River Community College serves the educational needs of the public and assumes a responsibility to help provide the requirements for trained workers in the New River Valley through a combined effort with local industries, businesses, professions, and government, including economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, New River Community College is dedicated to organizing programs with senior institutions and local public school systems; and

WHEREAS, with over 4,300 students and a faculty and staff of 293, including 48 full-time teaching faculty, New River Community College in the 21st century continues to excel at its core mission to provide learning opportunities for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That New River Community College hereby be commended 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 New River Community College as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its contributions to the New River Valley and the Commonwealth.

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