

## 2020 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 121

*Commending Saint Benedict Catholic School.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 2020  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2020

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Saint Benedict Catholic School in Richmond's Museum District has brought together children from different backgrounds and neighborhoods to learn and grow in faith; and

WHEREAS, Saint Benedict Catholic School was established by the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia and originally opened in 1919 under the direction of its first principal, Sister Edward Galloway, OSB, in their convent located at the corner of Belmont Avenue and Grove Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the convent was later moved and the Saint Benedict Catholic School building was completed on the same site in 1924, welcoming children from kindergarten through eighth grade; the building was expanded in 1949 to accommodate a growing number of students; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its long history, Saint Benedict Catholic School has given its students the tools to achieve success, with graduates becoming community leaders, philanthropists, priests and religious leaders, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, and corporate executives, among many other professions; and

WHEREAS, a Saint Benedict Catholic School education is grounded in the nobility of faith, hard work, humility, and service, virtues that are as relevant and needed today as they were in 1919; and

WHEREAS, Saint Benedict Catholic School is sought after for its faithful Catholic culture, challenging classical curriculum, beautiful diversity, and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Saint Benedict Catholic School has fulfilled its mission with the hard work of its foundresses, the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia; the dedication of its parish, Saint Benedict Catholic Church; the devotion of its faculty and staff; the leadership of its board of directors; and the generosity of its school community, alumni, grant makers, and family supporters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Saint Benedict Catholic School on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Saint Benedict Catholic School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's dedication to providing a wholesome education that inspires students to be good citizens and contributors to our society.

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