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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

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Commending Bob and Marion Wilson.

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WHEREAS, in 1989, Bob and Marion Wilson of Rancho Santa Fe, California, cofounded the Teacher Institute of Colonial Williamsburg to provide opportunities for California elementary school teachers to enhance their curricula by studying the early history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Bob and Marion Wilson's program began with 44 elementary school teachers and grew rapidly, welcoming teachers from Alabama, California, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington within five years of its establishment; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Teacher Institute of Colonial Williamsburg expanded its offerings to middle school and high school teachers, who have attended sessions through scholarships funded by Bob and Marion Wilson and many other generous donors; and

WHEREAS, thanks in large part to Bob and Marion Wilson's leadership and ongoing support, the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute had served 10,000 educators from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Brazil, Canada, Norway, and Tunisia by 2019; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Bob and Marion Wilson's legacy of contributions to history education, the program was renamed as the Bob and Marion Wilson Teacher Institute of Colonial Williamsburg in their honor; and

WHEREAS, the Bob and Marion Wilson Teacher Institute of Colonial Williamsburg continues to help teachers examine the economic, political, and social events that shaped the nation using primary sources, offering unique tools and strategies to help history come alive in the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bob and Marion Wilson be commended for their dedicated work to promote professional development for teachers at Colonial Williamsburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bob and Marion Wilson as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for their achievements on behalf of educators throughout the United States and the world.

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