

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 587

Commending Sim Ewing.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2021
Agreed to by the Senate, January 28, 2021

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, Sim Ewing has supported students, faculty, and staff at the University of Virginia's College at Wise by overseeing dozens of projects to enhance, expand, and beautify the institution's campus; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing previously served as town manager of the Town of Wise from 1982 to 1987, then joined the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service as director of the Southwest Virginia office; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing joined the University of Virginia's College at Wise as an assistant vice chancellor in 1995; over the course of his career, he served as associate vice chancellor, vice chancellor for finance and administration, and vice chancellor and chief operating officer, cultivating an expertise in numerous aspects of campus life and operations; and

WHEREAS, a trusted source of institutional knowledge, Sim Ewing has served under seven chancellors or interim chancellors and has been a mentor to countless fellow employees of the college; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Sim Ewing oversaw the construction of a new library, the David J. Pryor Convocation Center, multiple residence halls, the C. Bascom Slemp Student Center, Darden Hall, and the Carl Smith Stadium, as well as numerous renovations and additions to existing residence halls and classroom buildings, the chancellor's residence, and athletics facilities; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing increased campus safety through multiple lighting projects and completed renovations to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and make campus more accessible for all students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to outdoor beautification projects like the Rosebud Smiddy Garden plaza and the Gilliam Sculpture Garden and infrastructure improvements to address storm water runoff, Sim Ewing has promoted environmental conservation through a wetlands project and a planned campus lake; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing completed projects to enhance the visual appeal and circulation of vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the entrance to campus and to streamline access between new construction and central campus; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Sim Ewing has advocated for the University of Virginia's College at Wise before regional and state bodies and played a vital role in the Commonwealth's capital investment in the college of more than \$225 million since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing established the Director of Economic Development Office at the University of Virginia's College at Wise, which has vastly increased the college's engagement with the Town of Wise, Wise County, and the surrounding region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sim Ewing for his years of service to the University of Virginia's College at Wise and communities throughout Southwest Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sim Ewing as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of professional achievements.

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