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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 676

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*Commending the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.*

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WHEREAS, the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, one of the Commonwealth's many distinguished institutions of higher education, celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond was founded in 1870 with an inaugural class of 30 students; originally located at Columbia Hall on the corner of Grace Street and Lombardy Street, the school relocated to the university's main campus in 1954 and today serves a student body of more than 400 future attorneys; and

WHEREAS, along with instilling in its students a meticulous understanding of the law, the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond aims to cultivate attorneys who think critically, act ethically, advocate zealously, and serve compassionately, producing some of the Commonwealth's most accomplished legal minds; and

WHEREAS, the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond has long been committed to supporting the community and encourages its students to offer pro bono legal services through the Carrico Center for Pro Bono & Public Service and various other legal clinics and initiatives, resulting annually in thousands of hours of free legal aid for those in need; and

WHEREAS, the faculty at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, including 56 full-time professors and a team of adjunct professors, are dedicated both to fostering their students' development and contributing to the broader intellectual legal discourse, with many regularly publishing in the nation's top law journals; and

WHEREAS, alumni of the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond have had an outsized impact on the legal community in the Commonwealth; currently, more of the school's alumni serve on the bench in the Commonwealth than alumni from any other law school, and many are particularly active in the Virginia State Bar; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Wendy Collins Perdue, dean of the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, as an expression of the General Assembly's high esteem and admiration for the school's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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