

2021 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 277

Commending Marymount University.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 14, 2021
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Marymount University, an esteemed institution of higher education in Arlington that was the first Catholic college established in Virginia, celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, founded as Marymount Junior College in 1950 by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Marymount University has since grown from a two-year women's college to a coeducational, doctoral degree-granting university; and

WHEREAS, Marymount University prepares the leaders of tomorrow by providing its students a holistic education that emphasizes intellectual curiosity, service to others, and a globally oriented perspective; and

WHEREAS, Marymount University currently offers 31 bachelor's programs, 17 master's programs, six doctoral programs, and a variety of certificate and licensure options, serving approximately 3,400 students while maintaining an impressive student-to-faculty ratio of 12 to one and an average class size of 15 students; and

WHEREAS, with students hailing from 45 states, Washington, D.C., U.S. territories, and 78 countries, and a student population that is 20 percent Latinx, 15 percent Black and African American, and seven percent Asian and Asian American, Marymount University is proudly regarded as one of the most diverse universities in the region; and

WHEREAS, Marymount University pairs its liberal arts curriculum with hands-on learning opportunities such as internships, clinical work, student-teaching placements, and research projects to give students experience and professional connections that will be invaluable when starting their careers; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Marymount University has grown beyond its 21-acre main campus to new campuses at the Ballston Center and the 4040 Center, both in Arlington, which provide students and faculty with a state-of-the-art learning environment; and

WHEREAS, through its commitments to educational excellence, spiritual growth, and community stewardship, Marymount University has helped countless young people find success and purpose in their careers and lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marymount University, a distinguished institution of higher education in Arlington, on the occasion of its 70th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Irma Becerra, president of Marymount University, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the university's history and important contributions to the Commonwealth.

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