

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 179

Commending the Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2022
Agreed to by the Senate, February 3, 2022

WHEREAS, for almost 50 years the Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr., has served the citizens of Virginia with integrity and excellence as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Commonwealth's Attorney of Essex County, United States Congressman, United States Senator, and President of Christopher Newport University; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1996, Paul Tribble became the fifth president of Christopher Newport University, and his vision and leadership have led to the growth of one of America's preeminent public liberal arts universities; and

WHEREAS, Paul Tribble envisioned the creation of a great university for America that cared about minds and hearts and that would inspire students to choose to live lives of meaning, consequence, and purpose—a life of significance—as it is now called at Christopher Newport University; and

WHEREAS, during Paul Tribble's tenure, applications to Christopher Newport University have increased by 700 percent; the average GPA of entering students has soared from 2.6 to 3.8; the number of full-time students has increased to 5,000; and the institution's four-year graduation rate is now one of the highest among all public colleges and universities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, with the strong support of the General Assembly, Christopher Newport University offers a beautiful campus, great teaching, a rich and rigorous academic curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences, and a marvelous sense of community where people speak, smile, support, and encourage each other; and

WHEREAS, Paul Tribble has emphasized the values of leadership, honor, and service in the life of Christopher Newport University through the President's Leadership Program, the Center for Community Engagement, and the Wason Center for Civic Leadership and through superb academic programs in Leadership and American Studies; and

WHEREAS, Paul Tribble has profoundly contributed to the economic and cultural life of the Virginia Peninsula, Hampton Roads, and the Commonwealth through the creation of the Ferguson Center for the Performing Arts, the Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center, and the Christopher Newport University Center for Community Engagement, which enables students to perform over 100,000 hours of community service each year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr., for his outstanding service to all citizens of the Commonwealth, to the more than 25,000 graduates of Christopher Newport University during his long and distinguished tenure, and to the Virginians who will attend the institution in the future; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements on behalf of the Commonwealth and the Christopher Newport University community.