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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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Designating January 29, in 2023 and in each succeeding year, as William R. Harvey Day in Virginia.

Patrons—Cordoza and Avoli; Senator: Ruff

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, William R. Harvey has made numerous contributions to Hampton Roads, the Commonwealth, and the field of higher education as president of Hampton University; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alabama, William Harvey holds degrees from Talladega College, Virginia State University, and Harvard University and is currently the owner of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Houghton, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, William Harvey joined Hampton University, then known as Hampton Institute, in 1978 and helped the institution grow to become one of the top-ranked high research activity universities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, under William Harvey's leadership, Hampton University expanded its campus with 29 new buildings and created 92 new academic degrees, including 12 doctoral programs; he has overseen a significant increase in the university's endowment from \$29 million to more than \$300 million and maintained consistently high levels of enrollment; and

WHEREAS, William Harvey focused the university's mission on scientific programs, including a state-of-the-art weather antenna that can detect severe storms, the largest freestanding proton beam cancer treatment center in the world, and an aerospace program, making Hampton University the only historically Black college or university with a satellite orbiting in space; and

WHEREAS, during his 43-year tenure as president of Hampton University, William Harvey has received 11 honorary doctorates and countless accolades, including the Citizen of the Year Award from the *Daily Press*; and

WHEREAS, William Harvey has authored several books, articles, and other publications, and he is a sought-after speaker at major universities and businesses around the country; and

WHEREAS, William Harvey has helped thousands of young people achieve success in academics and develop a strong character based on the values of honesty, integrity, respect, trustworthiness, good personal behavior, a strong work ethic, and commitment to service that serve them well in all future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate January 29, in 2023 and in each succeeding year, as William R. Harvey Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to William R. Harvey so that he may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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