

2022 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

Commending Bluefield University.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 10, 2022

WHEREAS, Bluefield University, a private higher education institution in Tazewell County, has provided outstanding opportunities for academic and personal growth to students for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, during the annual session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, a resolution was approved to appoint an advising committee on the establishment of a school for young men in Southwest Virginia of the same quality as Virginia Intermon College located in Bristol; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 1922, Bluefield College opened its doors to 100 students as a coeducational junior college; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Bluefield College became a four-year baccalaureate institution with expanded degree programs centered in the liberal arts tradition; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Bluefield College joined a network of schools, including the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Appalachian College of Pharmacy, to meet healthcare needs in Appalachia and the southeast United States by preparing graduates to serve rural communities and communities of high need; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Bluefield College Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the institution to Bluefield University as its centennial year began, reflecting the achievements of its first century of service and anticipation of its expanded opportunities in years to come; and

WHEREAS, Bluefield University offers over 71 programs from certificates and associate's degree level to graduate level degrees for both in-person and online students; and

WHEREAS, Bluefield University is a Christ-centered learning community developing servant leaders to transform the world that has remained true to its mission and character for 100 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bluefield University hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David W. Olive, president of Bluefield University, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the institution's commitment to excellence in higher education.

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