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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 370

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending St. Margaret's School.

Patrons—Hodges and Ransone

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, St. Margaret's School, an Episcopal all-girls school in Tappahannock, has helped generations of students develop into young women of confidence, resilience, and high character; and

WHEREAS, St. Margaret's School was established by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in 1921 to create new opportunities in the region for a quality education in a Christian environment; and

WHEREAS, St. Margaret's School opened with 14 girls and three boys and offered a kindergarten through 11th-grade curriculum; the school held its first classes above a local pharmacy in Tappahannock; and

WHEREAS, at the time, many students at St. Margaret's School arrived in Tappahannock by steamboat as there was no bridge to the Northern Neck and no major roadways linking the area with either Richmond or Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, within its first decade of operations, St. Margaret's School grew to serve 20 day students and 70 boarding students and began to develop its picturesque campus along the Rappahannock River; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock River plays an essential role in campus life and academics; at each grade level, students visit different parts of the river, from the headwaters in the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay and the ocean at Virginia Beach, to gain a greater appreciation for the local ecology and participate in a wide range of activities related to the river, including kayaking and swimming, art projects, raising oysters, and more; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 St. Margaret's School became one of the first boarding schools in the southeast United States to establish a comprehensive program for international students; and

WHEREAS, St. Margaret's School currently maintains an enrollment of around 100 students in grades eight through 12, and the diverse student body represents girls from 17 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 18 foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, St. Margaret's School continues to fulfill its mission to help girls develop a sense of belonging, believe in their abilities, and become the best version of themselves through the hard work and dedication of its faculty and staff members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That St. Margaret's School hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary in 2021; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to St. Margaret's School as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the school's history and contributions to young women from the Commonwealth and around the world.

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