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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 653

Offered January 14, 2009 Prefiled December 30, 2008

Recognizing the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science and the Central Virginia Community College for establishing the PRODUCED in Virginia program.

Patrons—Cosgrove, Byron, Putney, Toscano and Valentine

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the University of Virginia (UVA) and Central Virginia Community College (CVCC), in cooperation with area businesses, have formed a partnership to expand the engineering program at the two-year college in Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, the agreement will provide students earning an associate degree in engineering at CVCC an opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree from UVA's School of Engineering and Applied Science through educational programs offered at the CVCC; and

WHEREAS, both parties have expressed interest in using the PRODUCED in Virginia program as a model for expanding to all of the community colleges in Southside and Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee to Study Science, Math, and Technology Education in the Commonwealth at the Elementary, Secondary, and Undergraduate Levels (HJR 90, 2008) heard extensive testimony regarding the PRODUCED in Virginia program; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee made recommendations at the final meeting of the 2008 interim to support the continued development and expansion of the PRODUCED in Virginia program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science and the Central Virginia Community College be recognized for establishing the PRODUCED in Virginia program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. James H. Aylor, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Virginia and Dr. Darrel W. Staat, President of the Central Virginia Community College requesting they further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective institutions so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.