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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Offered February 3, 2012

Commending Norfolk State University on hosting the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission's 2010 Signature Conference.

Patron—Howell, A.T.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission was created to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, the Honorable William J. Howell, chair of the legislative commission, and the Honorable Algie T. Howell, Jr., were instrumental in Norfolk State University's (NSU) selection as host of the second Signature Conference; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk State University (NSU) welcomed participants to the Signature Conference entitled "Race, Slavery and the Civil War: The Tough Stuff of American History and Memory," which was held on campus Friday, September 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Governor McDonnell, along with a delegation of Virginia legislators, was present to greet conference participants; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 history enthusiasts, including many of America's Civil War historians, registered and actively participated in panel discussions and visits to Civil War sites and attended a Civil War book fair; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Jackson, Executive Director of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, provided valuable organizational assistance to NSU professors Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander and Dr. Charles Ford, who served as the University's co-chairs for the Signature Conference and lent their expertise to a greater understanding and appreciation of the significance of the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander also gave a fascinating presentation entitled "Waterways to Freedom: The Underground Railroad in Hampton Roads" at the Signature Conference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Norfolk State University hereby be commended on hosting the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission's 2010 Signature Conference; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Tony Atwater, President of Norfolk State University, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and gratitude for the University's support of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission.

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