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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 199

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*Commending Longwood University.*

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WHEREAS, Longwood University in Farmville celebrates its 175th anniversary in 2014; the third-oldest public university in the Commonwealth was founded in 1839 and became a state institution in 1884; and

WHEREAS, Longwood University has served the Commonwealth as a private college, normal school, state teachers college, and college for women; it graduated its first fully enrolled male student in 1976 and became a full-fledged university in 2002; and

WHEREAS, a strong tradition of comprehensive education and professional preparation of "citizen leaders" has made Longwood University a vital force in the education of the citizens of the Commonwealth, where more than 78 percent of its graduates live, work, and volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Longwood University alumni from each of the institution's five colleges—Cook-Cole College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Economics, College of Education and Human Services, College of Graduate and Professional Services, and Cormier Honors College—have become respected leaders in the public and private sectors as professional educators, nurses, scientists, historians, doctors, lawyers, social workers, entrepreneurs, cyber security professionals, artists, physical therapists, computer scientists, sociologists, business leaders, speech language pathologists, and numerous other careers; and

WHEREAS, a firm commitment to student development has made Longwood University a nationally recognized innovator in the design and implementation of programs to promote student growth; and

WHEREAS, Longwood University has been a cultural beacon, enriching Southside Virginia with music and the arts not only from the Farmville campus but also from off-site locations in Emporia and Martinsville, as well as offering numerous online and blended-learning programs; and

WHEREAS, Longwood University teams compete successfully in NCAA Division I athletics, joining the Big South Conference in 2012 and winning a conference championship in the university's first year as a full member; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Longwood University on the occasion of its 175th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to W. Taylor Reveley IV, president of Longwood University, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for 175 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth and its mission to develop citizen leaders who are prepared to make positive contributions to the common good of society.

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