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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 384

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*Commending Hampton Christian Academy.*

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WHEREAS, Hampton Christian Academy, which opened in Hampton in 1937, celebrates 77 years of providing quality educational services to Christian families; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Christian Academy, formerly known as Hampton Christian Schools, began when a group of concerned pastors and Christian educators met to discuss how best to help Christian students and their families facing challenging educational needs; and

WHEREAS, the group decided to form a Christian school, with the goal of providing to students a Christ-centered, quality academic education in a Biblically directed learning environment that prepares students for leadership and Christian service in the local community and in the world; and

WHEREAS, during the original phase of the school, located at Sinclair Circle in Hampton, the school, known then as Mary Atkins Christian Day School, served students from preschool through elementary grade levels; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the school formally incorporated and changed its name to Hampton Christian Schools and began to serve middle school and high school students with a college preparatory curriculum; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the first senior class completed all the school and state course requirements for graduation; in 1987, the school moved its offices and middle and high school students into its current location at 2419 North Armistead Avenue, and, in 2008, the school added a new building to its facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the school met all the requirements and conditions for formal accreditation as a private school in Virginia, and the Association of Christian Schools International issued a formal statement of accreditation; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2014, the Virginia State Corporation Commission recognized the school by its current name and it became known to all its constituents and the community as Hampton Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Christian Academy has been supported in all its endeavors by generous individuals and local churches, a volunteer board of directors, and certified teachers who provide quality instruction; and

WHEREAS, for the past 77 years, the staff and leaders of Hampton Christian Academy have offered love, compassion, and spiritual guidance to multiple generations of students, while reaching out to the local community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hampton Christian Academy on the occasion of its 77th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hampton Christian Academy as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on the school's anniversary.

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