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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

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Commending Little Keswick School.

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WHEREAS, Little Keswick School celebrated 50 years of providing therapy and a quality education to young boys with special needs in 2013; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Robert and Elizabeth Wilson founded Little Keswick School to enhance the quality of life for young boys with special needs; the school offers academic and social programs in a relaxed atmosphere, allowing students to learn and grow in a secure, structured environment; and

WHEREAS, Little Keswick School accepts boys between the ages of nine and 15 with a variety of learning, behavioral, and emotional challenges, such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Asperger's syndrome, Tourette syndrome, obsessive compulsive disorder, or depression; and

WHEREAS, located adjacent to the scenic Southwest Mountains, Little Keswick School can board up to 34 students on its pastoral 25-acre campus; students receive a full education while learning study habits and social skills in a nurturing, home-like setting; and

WHEREAS, Little Keswick School has worked with students from around the Commonwealth, the United States, and the world; on average, 30 percent of students each year successfully transfer to a traditional day or boarding school; and

WHEREAS, Little Keswick School is fully licensed by the Virginia Department of Education and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Little Keswick School is a member of the National Association of Private Schools for Exceptional Children and the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs, and the school is also enrolled in the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System; and

WHEREAS, as visionary leaders and devoted educators, Robert and Elizabeth Wilson have made a difference in the lives of thousands of young boys and their families; through the Little Keswick School, they have built a legacy of hope for special needs children in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Little Keswick School, an outstanding special education boarding school, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elizabeth K. Wilson, the co-founder of the Little Keswick School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to helping young people from the Commonwealth and around the world achieve greatness.

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