

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 805

Commending Stratford University.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2017

WHEREAS, for 40 years, Stratford University, a private higher educational institution specializing in adult education, has helped students achieve undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of disciplines; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1976, Stratford University is headquartered in Fairfax, with its main campus in Falls Church; the university has additional campuses in Alexandria, Glen Allen, Newport News, Virginia Beach, and Woodbridge, as well as locations in Baltimore, Maryland, and New Delhi, India; and

WHEREAS, with convenient classroom, online, and blended learning options, Stratford University offers degree programs in a number of fields, including business administration, computer information systems, health sciences, nursing, culinary arts, and hotel management, with accelerated programs for individuals hoping to start a career more quickly; and

WHEREAS, Stratford University also offers noncredit continuing education programs for event management, culinary workshops, and other certification courses as part of its broad community outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing general scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and accepting private scholarship programs, Stratford University offers tuition assistance for members of the military and is recognized by the Veterans Administration as a military-friendly institution; and

WHEREAS, the diverse international enrollment of Stratford University is made up of students from more than 30 countries, and the university partners with the Global Land Coalition to provide distance education services in developing countries; it also provides more Optional Practical Training Extensions for STEM students than any other school in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Stratford University is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the International Association of Culinary Professionals, and the United States-India Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Stratford University has earned many awards and accolades, including the 2015 One Billion Acts of Peace Hero Award from the PeaceJam Foundation and the 2016 President's "E" Award for Exports from the United States Secretary of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Stratford University on the occasion of its 40th anniversary in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard R. Shurtz II, president of Stratford University, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for Stratford University's commitment to educational excellence and contributions to the Commonwealth.