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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 406**

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Commending Sullins Academy.

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WHEDEAS for 50 years Sulling Academy on independent

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Sullins Academy, an independent school in Bristol, has provided a nurturing environment for students to develop character, leadership ability, and a commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1966 by the Reverend Charles Bledsoe, Sullins Academy was originally known as the Episcopal Day School; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Sullins Academy relocated to Martin Hall of the former Sullins College to better serve its growing enrollment and changed its name to reflect its new location and its nondenominational nature; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Sullins Academy moved to its current 40,500-square-foot facility on a 32-acre campus; it is fully accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools and the National Association of Independent Schools; and

WHEREAS, the educators and administrators of Sullins Academy use cutting-edge research to develop a comprehensive, innovative curriculum, and the school emphasizes professional development for teachers; and

WHEREAS, Sullins Academy treats each student as an individual with the potential to become a leader and fosters maturity, self-confidence, independence, and responsibility, as well as listening skills, teamwork, and respect for others; and

WHEREAS, graduates of Sullins Academy appreciate their roles in a global society, and their intellectual curiosity and commitment to excellence serve them well in higher education and later life; and

WHEREAS, Sullins Academy has succeeded in its mission through the hard work of its students, the dedication and professionalism of its faculty, administration, and staff, and the heartfelt support of the entire school community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Sullins Academy hereby be commended for its service to students in Bristol on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sullins Academy as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its legacy of academic excellence.