

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 216

*Commending Leadership Washington County.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2018  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018

WHEREAS, Leadership Washington County, an Abingdon-based program that works to nurture strong community leaders, will celebrate its 25th anniversary during its 2017 - 2018 session; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Washington County was launched in 1993 to help aspiring leaders enhance their dedication to service, establish a networking system, and learn about the social, economic, and political institutions in their community; and

WHEREAS, as part of Leadership Washington County, groups of no more than 20 individuals attend a series of 18 sessions that take place from September through April; during each session, these individuals meet with local leaders in business, government, media, and education to discuss the challenges facing their community; and

WHEREAS, participants in Leadership Washington County complete a small group project and attend at least one meeting of their school board or town council; they also travel to Richmond during the session of the Virginia General Assembly to meet with elected officials; and

WHEREAS, graduates from the 2016 - 2017 session of Leadership Washington County included professionals from the public sector and from the banking, real estate, health care, and manufacturing fields; and

WHEREAS, over the last quarter century, Leadership Washington County has informed and inspired scores of developing leaders, many of whom have gone on to be forces for positive change in their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Leadership Washington County on the occasion of its 25th anniversary for its efforts to motivate emerging leaders and encourage involvement in civic affairs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Leadership Washington County as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its remarkable achievements and best wishes for future success.

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