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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 467

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*Commending Jefferson College of Health Sciences.*

Patrons—Rasoul, Austin, Ayala, Delaney, Head, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Simon, Turpin and Ware;  
Senators: Edwards and Spruill

WHEREAS, for more than 35 years, Jefferson College of Health Sciences has served the Southwest Virginia community by providing an exceptional education to aspiring medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson College of Health Sciences traces its roots to the 1910s when the Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing was founded; to better meet the needs of the growing community, the school merged with the Lewis-Gale School of Nursing to form the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley College of Health Sciences was established as the first hospital-based college in Virginia; it was one of the first health sciences colleges to earn accreditation from the Commission for Higher Education and later achieved accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley College of Health Sciences was renamed as Jefferson College of Health Sciences in 2003, in recognition of its historical connection to Jefferson Hospital and the Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 70 full-time faculty members, Jefferson College of Health Sciences enrolls more than 1,000 students and offers 25 associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs, as well as certificate and professional and continuing education programs; and

WHEREAS, one of the few private health colleges in the southern United States, Jefferson College of Health Sciences offers valuable clinical opportunities, extensive distance learning options, and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson College of Health Sciences maintains excellent licensure pass rates in professional programs and high student satisfaction ratings for its affordability and commitment to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, contributing to the economic vitality of the region, Jefferson College of Health Sciences has attracted record numbers of students from 35 states and territories, including students from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jefferson College of Health Sciences on the occasion of its 35th anniversary as a degree-granting institution; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jefferson College of Health Sciences as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its contributions to medical education.

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