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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 193

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Commending George D. Greenia.

Patrons—Mason; Delegate: Mullin

WHEREAS, George D. Greenia, a renowned scholar and professor at The College of William and Mary, retired in 2016 following a distinguished 34-year career; and

WHEREAS, a native of Detroit, George Greenia studied at a Franciscan seminary in Wisconsin as a young man, but left after five years to pursue a career as a professor; after graduating from Marquette University, he earned his doctoral degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, George Greenia joined the faculty of The College of William and Mary as a professor of languages and literature; he later spent 10 years as director of the school's Medieval and Renaissance Studies program, and in 2011, he founded its Institute for Pilgrimage Studies; and

WHEREAS, a talented and dedicated scholar, George Greenia has written numerous books and articles on the literature and cultural history of medieval Spain; he served as an editor of the medieval language journal *La corónica*, editor-in-chief of *American Pilgrim* magazine, and associate editor of the journal *Hispania*; and

WHEREAS, a teacher first and foremost, George Greenia was devoted to crafting informative and thought-provoking courses and research opportunities for his students; during the summer, he often led field excursions to the Camino de Santiago, a famed pilgrimage route in Spain; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate of LGBT students at The College of William and Mary, George Greenia spent many years as the faculty facilitator of the Gay Student Support Group; in 2006, the William and Mary Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association presented him with the Founders' Cup for Outstanding Lifetime Service to the Gay and Lesbian members of The College of William and Mary Community; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, George Greenia's promotion of Spanish history and culture saw him knighted by order of King Carlos I of Spain and awarded the Order of Isabella the Catholic, one of Spain's highest honors; and

WHEREAS, George Greenia's many other recognitions include a lifetime achievement award from the group American Pilgrims on the Camino and the William & Mary Diversity Leadership Award from the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity; a longtime supporter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, he is the recipient of its President's Award and Judith F. Krug Medal; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement, George Greenia has continued to pursue knowledge by working on research projects and teaching and taking classes at the Christopher Wren Association for Lifelong Learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend George D. Greenia on his illustrious career as a professor at The College of William and Mary and his excellent service to his students; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to George D. Greenia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his career accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

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