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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 196

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Commending The College of William and Mary.

Patrons—Mason, Cosgrove, DeSteph, McClellan, McDougale and Norment; Delegates: Bulova, Jones, J.C., Mullin and Sullivan

WHEREAS, the 2018-2019 academic year marks the 100th anniversary of the admission of the first women students at The College of William and Mary, which in 1918 became the first public institution of higher education in Virginia to transition to coeducational learning; and

WHEREAS, since 1918, The College of William and Mary has enrolled more than 55,000 women students in all of its schools and departments; and

WHEREAS, thousands of William and Mary alumnae have gone on to live productive and interesting lives, becoming leaders in their communities, volunteer organizations, and professions; and

WHEREAS, William and Mary alumnae have increasingly become leaders within the institution through their volunteerism, mentorship of students, philanthropy, and engagement, and by leading lives that exemplify the liberal arts tradition; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to the influence of women students on campus over the past century, William and Mary has become a vastly more inclusive institution and hired women faculty members and administrators of international significance; and

WHEREAS, generations of women—students, parents, faculty, administrators, staff, deans, coaches, and others—have inalterably transformed The College of William and Mary into an institution that values and celebrates the achievements and contributions of women; and

WHEREAS, The College of William and Mary enjoys international renown in the arts and sciences, marine science, education, law, and business and has sent accomplished women into the world in all of those fields; and

WHEREAS, The College of William and Mary will undertake a yearlong commemoration, celebration, and exploration of the ways that alumnae and current women students have shaped the institution and inspired and empowered future women students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The College of William and Mary on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the admission of the institution's first women students; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The College of William and Mary as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the many accomplishments of the institution's women students and alumnae.

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