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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 222

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Cheryl Thompson-Stacy.

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WHEREAS, Cheryl Thompson-Stacy, an experienced administrator and a visionary leader who helped Lord Fairfax Community College grow and touched the lives of thousands of students, retired as president of the college on February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Lord Fairfax Community College, Cheryl Thompson-Stacy started her career as director of student services at Kent State University at Geauga in Ohio, then became the first female president of Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa; she also held leadership positions at community colleges in Biloxi, Mississippi; Cleveland, Ohio; and Steubenville, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Thompson-Stacy joined Lord Fairfax Community College in January 2009; during her tenure as president, the college added a fourth campus in Vint Hill and saw its full-time enrollment increase from 6,500 students to 9,400 students; and

WHEREAS, under Cheryl Thompson-Stacy's leadership, Lord Fairfax Community College added several new degree and certification programs and expanded its medical programs, including the addition of a state-of-the-art dental clinic, which has provided more than \$300,000 worth of dental care to members of the community at no cost; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Thompson-Stacy oversaw advances to the college's information technology courses and the creation of a cybersecurity program; in 2015, Lord Fairfax Community College became the first community college in Virginia designated as a Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Thompson-Stacy built strong relationships with students and fostered a supportive work environment for faculty and staff; during her presidency, Lord Fairfax Community College earned high student satisfaction ratings and was named as one the best colleges to work for by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement from Lord Fairfax Community College, Cheryl Thompson-Stacy plans to seek new opportunities to advance the field of higher education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cheryl Thompson-Stacy for her years of leadership of Lord Fairfax Community College on the occasion of her retirement as president; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cheryl Thompson-Stacy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to excellence in higher education and service to the Commonwealth.

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