

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 717

Commending the Center for Excellence in Education.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021
Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

WHEREAS, for more than 37 years, the Center for Excellence in Education, located in Tysons and led by Joann DiGennaro, has provided unique opportunities to outstanding high school and college students and teachers to further explore leadership in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1983 by the late Admiral H.G. Rickover and Joann DiGennaro, the Center for Excellence in Education, formerly known as the Admiral H.G. Rickover Foundation, nurtures careers of excellence and leadership in science, technology, engineering, and math for academically talented high school and college students, challenging and assisting them on a long-term basis to become creators, inventors, scientists, and leaders of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Excellence in Education sponsors the Research Science Institute, a summer science and engineering program for high school students offered at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that combines on-campus coursework in scientific theory with off-campus work in science and technology research fields; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Excellence in Education sponsors the USA Biolympiad, a national competition for students to attend a residential training program where participants learn advanced biological concepts and exacting lab skills and are eligible for selection to compete in the International Biology Olympiad; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Excellence in Education sponsors the Teacher Enrichment Program, a collaboration with community colleges, universities, corporations, governors, state agencies, and other representatives that provides middle and high school teachers the opportunity to connect with leading experts to explore cutting-edge research and make meaningful professional links with others in their professional fields; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Excellence in Education offers all of its programs at no cost to participants, thereby promoting access to underserved and less advantaged students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, many students throughout the Commonwealth have directly benefited from access to the education, training, and opportunities provided by the Center for Excellence in Education; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of teachers in the Commonwealth have benefited from the additional training and support offered by the Center for Excellence in Education, improving the quality of education for all students in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Center for Excellence in Education for its years of service to students and teachers in the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joann DiGennaro, president of the Center for Excellence in Education, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the center's important work in furthering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

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