## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 512**

Commending Shenandoah University.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 15, 2021

WHEREAS, Shenandoah University, a venerable institution of higher education in Winchester, has provided an invaluable service to the community by serving as a distribution site for the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Valley Health and the Lord Fairfax Health District of the Virginia Department of Health, Shenandoah University has converted its James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics & Events Center, a 77,000-square-foot indoor athletic facility that is the largest space within 70 miles of Winchester, into a mass-vaccination clinic for residents in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah University opened its vaccination clinic on January 12, 2021, and has already enabled thousands of citizens of the Commonwealth to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah University will make its facilities available 12 hours per day, allowing approximately 1,200 to 1,500 individuals to be vaccinated daily; and

WHEREAS, several members of Shenandoah University's faculty and staff have contributed to the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, underscoring the institution's deep-rooted commitments to the community; and

WHEREAS, by coming to the aid of the Commonwealth during this historic public health crisis, Shenandoah University demonstrates a collective spirit and sense of purpose that is an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Shenandoah University hereby be commended for its efforts to eliminate COVID-19 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 representatives of Shenandoah University as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the school's service to the Commonwealth.