

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 839

Offered August 9, 2021

*Commending the Virginia Technical Academy.*

Patrons—Simonds, Adams, D.M., Avoli, Carr, Cole, J.G., Cole, M.L., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Guzman, Hayes, Hudson, Jenkins, Jones, Keam, Kory, McQuinn, Mugler, Mullin, Mundon King, Price, Rasoul, Roem, Runion, Samirah, Subramanyam, Ward, Ware, Watts, Willett and Williams Graves

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, for three years, the Virginia Technical Academy has worked to build a skilled and educated workforce in Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, recognizing a need for more skilled labor in the region, David Gillespie began offering repair classes in his appliance store, then established the Virginia Technical Academy in August 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Technical Academy provides students with the hands-on training they need to enter the workforce quickly and succeed in their chosen fields, and the institution has achieved a 90 percent job placement rate among its students; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, David Gillespie personally offered funding to 20 students to help them continue their educations in spite of economic hardship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Technical Academy hereby be commended for its work to provide members of the Hampton Roads community with access to training for high-quality, well-paying jobs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Gillespie, founder of the Virginia Technical Academy, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the institution's achievements on behalf of its students and work to address the need for skilled labor in the region.

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