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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 305

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*Commending Roanoke College.*

Patrons—Rasoul, Austin, Ballard and McNamara; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, Roanoke College, a private liberal arts college in Salem, has provided outstanding educational opportunities to students from throughout the Commonwealth and the world for 180 years; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1842 in Mt. Tabor, Roanoke College was originally a small preparatory school for boys known as the Virginia Collegiate Institute; it was established by two Lutheran pastors, David F. Bittle and Christopher C. Baughman, and is the second oldest Lutheran college in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Collegiate Institute subsequently relocated to Salem and was reorganized as Roanoke College with David F. Bittle as its first president in 1853; throughout its history, the college has remained true to its Lutheran roots and has partnered with the Evangelical Lutheran Church and other faith communities to nurture dialogue between faith and reason; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke College gives students the tools to develop intellectually, physically, socially, and morally through unique curricula and programs that blend diverse perspectives and to apply knowledge to current events in a practical way, helping students to build lives with meaning and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Roanoke College offers its students a wide array of cocurricular activities and athletics programs with the Roanoke College Maroons representing the institution in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference; the Maroons have won two team national championships in men's basketball and lacrosse and two individual national championships in women's track and field; and

WHEREAS, several buildings on the Roanoke College campus are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Registry, five of which date back to the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades for its engaging curriculum and contributions to the field of higher education, Roanoke College has earned national recognition from *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Roanoke College on the occasion of its 180th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Roanoke College as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the college's long history and legacy of accomplishments on behalf of its students.

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