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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 163

Offered February 25, 2022

Commending Longwood University.

Patrons—Mason and McClellan

WHEREAS, Longwood University, the third oldest public university in the Commonwealth, is committed to educating and inspiring students to become citizen leaders, through its Civitae Core Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Mary Farley Ames Lee, a faithful alumna of Longwood University's class of 1938, entrusted her family home, Hull Springs Farm in Westmoreland County, to the institution to steward the property for conservation and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the strategic vision of Longwood University has been to ensure that Hull Springs Farm is an exceptional and valuable asset to the Northern Neck community, offering prospects for internships, workforce training, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gerald L. Baliles was a visionary citizen-leader who was driven throughout his career in public service, as an assistant attorney general, deputy attorney general, member of the House of Delegates, attorney general, and governor, to promote and sustain the valuable resources of the Commonwealth, both natural and cultural; and

WHEREAS, Governor Baliles, upon whom Longwood University bestowed an honorary doctorate in 1986, respected and understood the value and importance of education, recognizing that education is the great equalizer, essential to the enrichment of a life well-lived and the foundation for developing and sustaining a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Baliles was an advocate for the environment, who established the first cabinet-level secretariat to support and foster protection of the tremendous natural resources of the Commonwealth and oversaw the adoption of the 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement and the 1988 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act; and

WHEREAS, to properly honor Mary Lee's gift and recognize Governor Baliles's commitment to the Commonwealth and the environment, the Longwood University Board of Visitors dedicated the Gerald L. Baliles Center for Environmental Education at Hull Springs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to giving purpose to Mary Lee's generosity, Longwood University has created a center for furthering the education of citizen-leaders who, like Governor Baliles, will work to sustain the natural resources of the Commonwealth and serve as an economic accelerator for the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Longwood University on the occasion of the dedication of the Gerald L. Baliles Center for Environmental Education at Hull Springs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Longwood University as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the institution's contributions to higher education and environmental conservation.

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