

# 2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 678

Offered September 1, 2022

*Commending Piedmont Virginia Community College.*

Patron—Deeds

WHEREAS, over the 2022-2023 academic year, Piedmont Virginia Community College will celebrate 50 years of providing students of all ages with exceptional educational and career training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1969, 97.43 acres were purchased for the campus of Piedmont Virginia Community College at the southwest corner of Interstate 64 and Route 20 in Albemarle County; the groundbreaking for construction of an administrative building followed three years later; and

WHEREAS, with approximately 450 students enrolled for the fall quarter, Piedmont Virginia Community College officially held its first classes on September 25, 1972, in temporary facilities in Albemarle County and at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, more than 247,500 students have been enrolled at Piedmont Virginia Community College since it opened and more than 17,000 individuals have received an associate degree or certificate; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Virginia Community College has opened several satellite facilities in recent years, including in Greene County in 2012 and in Charlottesville at the Jefferson School City Center in 2013, on South Street in 2016, and on Second Street in 2017; and

WHEREAS, approximately 8,500 students are now served each year through Piedmont Virginia Community College's academic and workforce training programs, high school dual-enrollment courses, professional development and continuing education opportunities, and adult basic education programs; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Virginia Community College proudly represents the geographic region comprising the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Virginia Community College has served an important role in the economic development of the region, working with area school systems, business and industry partners, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Virginia Community College faculty, staff, students, alumni, and board members have brought honor and positive recognition to the region and to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Virginia Community College remains committed to its mission to offer accessible, affordable, high-quality educational programs that promote student success and community vitality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Piedmont Virginia Community College hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Jean Runyon, president of Piedmont Virginia Community College, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's congratulations on this historic milestone.

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