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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 585

Offered January 24, 2023

Commending Regent University.

Patrons—Greenhalgh; Senator: DeSteph

WHEREAS, Regent University, an institution of higher education in Virginia Beach that has provided academic instruction and spiritual guidance to multitudes around the world, celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Regent University's founder, Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson, envisioned his plans for Christian Broadcasting Network University (CBN University), which would later become Regent University, in 1977 and dedicated the university to a unique pursuit of academics that would blend the highest spirituality and the richest scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Pat Robertson was officially appointed president of CBN University, and 77 students began studying under the tutelage of seven faculty members; and

WHEREAS, CBN University held its first commencement in May 1980, and received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1984; and

WHEREAS, CBN University was renamed Regent University in 1990, reflecting the institution's rapid growth and continued commitment to world-class academics; and

WHEREAS, Regent University has become a recognized and respected leader in higher education, and has received numerous prestigious accolades and awards, including selection as the number one accredited online college in America in 2020, the number one safest college campus in Virginia in 2021, and the number one online bachelor's degree program in Virginia for 10 consecutive years from 2013 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Regent University currently has 10,380 total students enrolled on campus and online and has expanded its academic offerings over the years by incorporating new areas of study while establishing schools of business, communication and the arts, divinity, education, government, health and behavioral sciences, law, nursing, and psychology and counseling, among others; and

WHEREAS, the 45th anniversary of Regent University offers an opportunity to reflect on the school's legacy and to envision its future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Regent University on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. M.G. Robertson, founder, chancellor, and chief executive officer of Regent University, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the institution's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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