

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 813

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3 *Commending Tiffany Franks.*
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8 WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks, the longtime president of Averett University in Danville, was selected by
9 Virginia Business magazine as a winner of the 2024 Women in Leadership Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks was one of 38 recipients from around the Commonwealth to receive the
11 prestigious Women in Leadership Award, which honors women in chief management positions for their
12 extraordinary professional achievements, leadership skills, and commitment to mentorship and civic
13 engagement; and

14 WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks became the 14th president of Averett University in 2008 and was the first
15 woman president in the institution's long and storied history; her 16-year tenure has been defined by
16 significant growth of the institution's campus and programs, as well as record-breaking enrollment; and

17 WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks has strengthened the Averett University community through successful
18 fundraising campaigns and visionary strategic planning; and

19 WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks has overseen the construction of new facilities, the establishment of new
20 athletics teams, and the creation of new academic programs, including an innovative aeronautics program that
21 provides real-world experience at the Danville Regional Airport; and

22 WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks has built strong relationships with many other local partners to enhance the
23 learning process and has promoted the importance of outreach and volunteer work by celebrating the
24 accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff who are active in the community through the annual Engaged
25 Learning Showcase; and

26 WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks has earned many other awards and accolades for her transformative
27 presidency at Averett University, including the Courageous Leadership Award from the higher education
28 consulting firm Credo in 2022; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Tiffany Franks hereby be commended on the occasion of
30 her selection as a 2024 Women in Leadership Award winner for her exceptional achievements as president of
31 Averett University; and, be it

32 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
33 presentation to Tiffany Franks as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to
34 the field of higher education and service to the Danville community.

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