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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 702

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Commending Zayd Hamid.

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WHEREAS, Zayd Hamid, a dedicated student leader and advocate at George Mason University, had the honor of giving the student commencement address at the institution's graduation ceremony in May 2024; and

WHEREAS, a first-generation student who is the son of Guyanese immigrants, Zayd Hamid graduated from Manassas Park High School before earning a bachelor's degree in public administration from George Mason University (GMU) in 2024, where he is currently pursuing a master's degree in public policy; and

WHEREAS, prior to his first year at GMU, Zayd Hamid interned at Manassas Park City Hall, an experience that instilled in him a greater understanding of local government and the desire to be an agent of change in his community; and

WHEREAS, Zayd Hamid supported his educational journey by participating in the federal work-study program at Mason Recreation, which gave him a keen appreciation for the ways in which these programs create opportunities for students to succeed; and

WHEREAS, for three years, Zayd Hamid was a leading member of GMU's Mason Lobbies events at the General Assembly, meeting with dozens of members to advocate for greater support of the Commonwealth's universities and students; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Zayd Hamid joined the Student Aid Alliance at a panel on Capitol Hill to share his experience and to convey to United States congressional staff the importance and value of federal student aid programs; and

WHEREAS, beyond his advocacy work, Zayd Hamid has made an outsized impact on GMU and his fellow students through his involvement with a variety of student government boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, with a tireless work ethic and passion for GMU and its community, Zayd Hamid also served as a Patriot Leader for orientation and as a resident advisor, making a difference in the lives of countless students; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his advocacy and service, Zayd Hamid received the inaugural Student Advocate of the Year Award from the Top Lobbyist section of the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics in 2023; and

WHEREAS, through his extraordinary ability to bring people together around worthwhile causes, Zayd Hamid has demonstrated great promise as a leader of the next generation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Zayd Hamid hereby be commended for his service to the community and for being named George Mason University's 2024 student commencement speaker; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zayd Hamid as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's high regard for his accomplishments and best wishes for his continued success.

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