

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 813

Commending Tiffany Franks.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates July 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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