

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 291

Commending Radford University Carilion.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022
Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2022

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Radford University Carilion, formerly Jefferson College of Health Sciences, has served the Southwest Virginia community by providing an exceptional education to aspiring medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Radford University Carilion traces its roots to the early 20th century with the establishment of the Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing, which later merged with the Lewis-Gale School of Nursing to form the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley College of Health Sciences was established as the first hospital-based college in Virginia; it was one of the first health sciences colleges to earn accreditation from the Commission for Higher Education and later achieved accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley College of Health Sciences was renamed as Jefferson College of Health Sciences in 2003, in recognition of its historical connection to Jefferson Hospital and the Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Jefferson College of Health Sciences finalized a merger with Carilion Clinic and Radford University, forming Radford University Carilion to better serve students and ensure that the institution is poised to meet future challenges; and

WHEREAS, Radford University Carilion enrolls more than 1,100 students and provides a rigorous real-world learning experience to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the health sciences; and

WHEREAS, Radford University Carilion boasts a faculty of practicing clinicians who, in a clinical setting on the campus of Carilion Medical Center, teach students to care for patients, conduct research, and explore how to manage organizations; and

WHEREAS, Radford University Carilion maintains excellent licensure pass rates in professional programs and high student satisfaction ratings for its affordability and commitment to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Radford University Carilion has made many contributions to the economic vitality of the region, drawing students from around the country, who have in turn received the skills and knowledge to enhance health and wellness in their own communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Radford University Carilion on the occasion of its 40th anniversary as a degree-granting institution; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Radford University Carilion as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its contributions to medical education.