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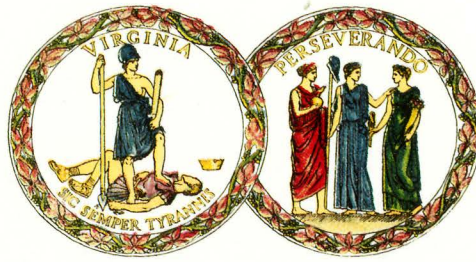
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

Recognizing the College of William and Mary and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law as leader in Virginia's observance of the 200th Anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution.

Patrons: Andrews and Anderson; Delegates: Benedetti, Grayson, Dillard, Crouch, Almand, DeBoer, and McGlothlin

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution has since its adoption in 1791 been the bulwark of individual liberties; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, under the able guidance and leadership of her notable founding fathers, provided an example for the rest of the nation by adopting the first American written Bill of Rights, the Virginia Declaration of Rights in June 1776; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, drafted by George Mason, one of the Commonwealth's most notable forebears, was adopted in a convention meeting in Williamsburg which was then the capitol of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg has, since its founding in 1693, been a training ground for many of the Commonwealth's great statesmen, preparing them for leadership in the civil libertarian tradition; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years there have been many great patriots associated with William and Mary; included among them are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, George Wythe, John Marshall, St. George Tucker and Spencer Roane; and

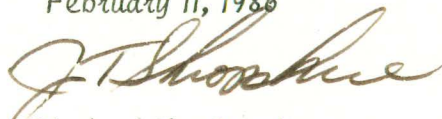
WHEREAS, in recent years the College of William and Mary and the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, with the generous and far-sighted assistance of private benefactors, have established the Institute of the Bill of Rights Law in Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, within a short period the Institute of the Bill of Rights Law has become a nationally respected center for the study of the Bill of Rights and individual liberty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby recognizes the College of William and Mary and the Institute of the Bill of Rights Law as the appropriate institutions to take a leading role in study and scholarship interpreting the Bill of Rights and in cooperating with the Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution in enhancing public understanding of the principles of the Bill of Rights during the Commonwealth's commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution and of the Bill of Rights; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the President of the College of William and Mary and the Dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law for permanent display as a guide and inspiration to all who recognize the unique contribution of this great Commonwealth in the adoption of the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution.

Agreed to by the Senate
February 11, 1986


Clerk of the Senate

Agreed to by the House of Delegates
February 25, 1986


Clerk of the House of Delegates