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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR80204-LG-106 (03/26)

Sponsors: Representative Dockham.

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THOSE WHO ESTABLISHED THE DAVIDSON
2 COUNTY INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION CENTER AND DAVIDSON COUNTY
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

4 Whereas, Davidson County Community College (DCCC) first opened its doors in
5 August of 1963 as the Davidson County Industrial Education Center with 125 students; and

6 Whereas, Lexington's Felix Gee and Thomasville's Doak Finch worked tirelessly to
7 garner the support needed to open the new Center; and

8 Whereas, the Lexington and Thomasville Chambers of Commerce, the city and
9 county governments, the local school boards, and other local leaders and supporters came
10 together as champions for education; and

11 Whereas, North Carolina then provided for the creation of community colleges by
12 State law, and the Davidson County Industrial Education Center received its charter as
13 Davidson County Community College in 1965; and

14 Whereas, DCCC built its programs over the decades, evolving from an institution
15 providing vocational education and technical programs into an institution of higher learning
16 offering transfer curricula for students continuing with their educations, state-of-the-art
17 advanced manufacturing labs ensuring success for students in a new economy, top-of-the-line
18 allied health education meeting our region's health care needs, and a myriad of other programs
19 preparing students for enhanced career and educational opportunities within a changing global
20 environment; and

21 Whereas, DCCC expanded its operations in Davie County throughout the 1980s and
22 officially opened its Davie Campus in 1994 with the support of Davie citizens, city and county
23 governments, and State leaders; and

24 Whereas, the DCCC Foundation, created in 1968, has provided a source of program
25 support, scholarship assistance, and the ability to pursue new initiatives for the future; and

26 Whereas, DCCC has been skillfully led by William T. Sinclair, head of the
27 Industrial Education Center (1963-1965), and the College's three presidents, Grady E. Love
28 (1965-1982), J. Bryan Brooks (1982-2002), and Mary E. Rittling (2003-present); and

29 Whereas, DCCC now serves over 16,000 students a year at two campuses and three
30 satellite centers; and

31 Whereas, DCCC has welcomed the return of athletics to campus with winning
32 women's volleyball and men's basketball teams that contribute to a vibrant campus life that also
33 teems with student clubs and other opportunities for active engagement outside the classroom;
34 and



1 Whereas, DCCC is a leader locally, regionally, across the State, and nationwide and
2 is proud to participate in such prestigious national initiatives as Achieving the Dream and
3 Completion by Design and is also proud to have a global vision enhanced by international
4 students, Fulbright Scholars, and opportunities for global travel; and

5 Whereas, from its humble beginnings 50 years ago to today, Davidson County
6 Community College continues to have a singular purpose: student success; Now, therefore,
7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

8 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the leadership and foresight of
9 those in Davidson and Davie Counties who established the Davidson County Industrial
10 Education Center and Davidson County Community College and expresses appreciation to
11 those locally, regionally, statewide, and at the national level who show a continuing
12 commitment to making DCCC a center for student success.

13 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives joins with the citizens of Davidson and
14 Davie Counties in celebrating the August 2013 anniversary of the first day of classes and in
15 celebrating DCCC's entire 50th Anniversary year.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the
17 President of Davidson County Community College.

18 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.