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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

Offered January 20, 2022

*Commending Tiffany McKillip Franks.*

Patrons—Ruff; Delegate: Marshall

WHEREAS, Tiffany McKillip Franks, president of Averett University, received the 2022 Credo Courageous Leadership Award for her collaborative and inclusive stewardship of the institution, contributions to the community, and passionate advocacy on behalf of students; and

WHEREAS, the Courageous Leadership Award is presented annually by the higher education consulting firm Credo to honor outstanding higher education administrators like Tiffany Franks for their commitment to student success; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Tiffany Franks became the first woman president of Averett University, and she has since overseen a significant increase in enrollment, strengthened the university's endowment, expanded the campus, and enhanced academic and athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, during Tiffany Franks's tenure as president, Averett University opened its Riverview Campus, completed a new athletic stadium and fine arts facilities, established the Center for Community Engagement and Career Competitiveness, and became a fixed-base operator at Danville Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks is best known for her dedication to building strong, personal relationships with students and fostering a sense of trust and mutual respect between faculty and staff members; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks has worked diligently to create a sense of shared purpose and community spirit at Averett University through her wisdom, humility, communication, and engagement with campus life; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany Franks has also supported the residents of Danville and the surrounding region by helping to establish Smart Beginnings Danville Pittsylvania; she serves on the board of LifeSpire of Virginia and was the first woman member of the board of directors for the Future of the Piedmont Foundation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tiffany McKillip Franks on receiving the 2022 Credo Courageous Leadership Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tiffany McKillip Franks as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her outstanding achievements in higher education administration.

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