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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 324

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*Commending William C. Wood.*

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WHEREAS, William C. Wood, esteemed professor in the Department of Economics at James Madison University and director of the university's Center for Economic Education, will retire in 2022; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with honors and earning a bachelor's degree in journalism from Auburn University in 1974, William "Bill" Wood held positions as a staff writer with *The Associated Press* and an assistant program analyst with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wood earned a doctoral degree in economics from the University of Virginia in 1980, completing and defending his dissertation, "Nuclear Liability, Nuclear Safety, and Economic Efficiency"; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wood joined the faculty of James Madison University (JMU) in 1989 after serving as associate professor and chair of the Department of Economics and Business Administration at Bridgewater College between 1986 and 1989, as an assistant professor of economics at the University of Virginia between 1979 and 1986, and as an assistant professor of management at the Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management from 1980 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, both as a professor and as the director of the Center for Economic Education at JMU, Bill Wood has contributed greatly to the success of an untold number of students both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wood has published prolifically in many notable academic journals throughout his career, including the *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Education for Business*, and *Social Education*, while writing several books on topics such as the economic history of the United States, economics pedagogy, money management, and more; and

WHEREAS, William Wood's professional accomplishments and service in the community have been recognized through numerous accolades and awards, including the Henry H. Villard Research Award from the National Association of Economic Educators in 2016, the Distinguished Service Award from the JMU College of Business in 2010 and 2011, and the Kenneth R. Bartee Award for Teaching Innovation from JMU in 2007; and

WHEREAS, William Wood has fostered the advancement of the study of economics through his membership with the American Economic Association, the National Association of Economic Educators, the Southern Economic Association, the Association of Christian Economists, the Association of Private Enterprise Education, and the Omicron Delta Epsilon economics honor society; and

WHEREAS, as he concludes his professorial duties, William Wood looks forward to having more time to spend with his loving wife, Jane, as well as his children, Douglas and Stuart; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William C. Wood, distinguished professor of economics at James Madison University, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William C. Wood as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many contributions to the Commonwealth throughout his career and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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