## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 187**

Commending Seven Hills School.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2022 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2022

WHEREAS, Seven Hills School, an all-boys private middle school in the Northside neighborhood of Richmond, celebrates its 20th anniversary throughout the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Seven Hills School date to 1999, when a group of Richmond parents came together to pursue their vision for a school that would engage their sons in their learning and inspire them to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, a year later, the group tapped longtime educator David Dorsey to be their head of school and, in September 2001, Seven Hills School opened its doors to the first students; and

WHEREAS, initially located at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Ginter Park, Seven Hills School moved to a large campus on Overbrook Road in 2008 to expand programming; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Seven Hills School is to cultivate both the intellect and emotional intelligence of its students through hands-on learning, critical thinking, and guided exploration; and

WHEREAS, since its founding two decades ago, Seven Hills School has graduated 338 alumni while establishing itself as a national leader in the education of middle school-aged boys; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Seven Hills School were made possible through the effort and enthusiasm of its students, the dedication and capability of its educators, and the unwavering generosity and support of its parents, trustees, and community partners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Seven Hills School of Richmond on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dagan Rowe, head of Seven Hills School, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's contributions to the Commonwealth.