

## **H. Res. 1051**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*June 23, 2008.*

Whereas on March 14, 1908, Virginia Governor Claude A. Swanson signed into law legislation for the establishment of the new State Normal and Industrial School for Women;

Whereas in 1938, the institution was renamed Madison College in honor of the Nation's fourth president, James Madison;

Whereas in 1966, the Virginia General Assembly approved full coeducational status for the college, and men were enrolled as resident students for the first time;

Whereas James Madison University (JMU) enrolls nearly 17,000 students and employs 3,000 full-time and part-time faculty and staff;

Whereas in 2007, the US News and World Report ranked JMU as the top public, master's level university in the South for the 17th time;

Whereas also in 2007, the US News and World Report noted JMU's graduation rate, at 80 percent, was the highest among all public and private schools in the South;

Whereas JMU has been led by presidents Julian Ashby Burruss, Doctor Samuel Page Duke, Doctor G. Tyler

Miller, Doctor Ronald E. Carrier, and Doctor Linwood H. Rose;

Whereas JMU offers 106 degree programs, including 68 undergraduate programs, 30 graduate programs, 2 education specialist programs, and 6 doctoral programs; and

Whereas JMU has conferred more than 98,000 degrees: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives congratulates James Madison University for 100 years of leadership and service to the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County region, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Nation.

Attest:

*Clerk.*