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To recognize the success of James Madison University's civic engagement efforts.

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## IN THE SENATE OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Senator Ethan Gardner submitted the following resolution.

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# A RESOLUTION

To commend the efforts behind the remarkable increase in voting rates by JMU students in the Midterm elections, from 8.8% in 2014 to 32.8% in 2018.

Whereas, James Madison University, through the efforts of faculty and staff across departments, have been committed to embedding civic learning and democratic engagement into campus programming and the university experience, AND;

Whereas, The Madison Center for Civic Engagement was founded in 2017 to help bring forth the vision to be "the national model for the engaged university" that was outlined in the 2014 – 2020 James Madison University Strategic Plan, AND;

Whereas, Faculty and Staff in the Madison Center, including Executive Director Abe Goldberg, Associate Director Carah Whaley, Engagement Fellows, Graduate Assistants, Democracy Fellows, the Advisory Board and many others across campus have contributed countless hours and immense energy into civic engagement efforts, AND;

Whereas, James Madison University's voting rate increased over 300% between the 2014 and 2018 midterm elections, AND;

Whereas, The Madison Center for Civic Engagement was highlighted in the 2018 report by the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement by Tufts University, which measured the voting rates at 1,031 colleges and universities AND;

Whereas, Programming to engage students in the American democratic process and to build a just and inclusive democracy is an essential aspect of a James Madison University education, AND;

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, That:*

We commend and celebrate the success of campus-wide civic learning and democratic engagement efforts by the Madison Center for Civic Engagement and countless partners across the university that made such a significant increase in student voting possible.