

House Resolution 1561

By: Representative Allison of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Battle of New Market; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Battle of New Market was a battle fought on May 15, 1864, in Virginia
3 during the Valley Campaign of 1864 during the American Civil War; and

4 WHEREAS, a small Confederate army, which included cadets from the Virginia Military
5 Institute (VMI), forced Union Major General Franz Sigel and his army out of the
6 Shenandoah Valley; and

7 WHEREAS, Major General John C. Breckinridge pulled together all available forces to
8 repulse the latest threat; his command consisted of two infantry brigades under John C.
9 Echols and Gabriel C. Wharton, a cavalry brigade commanded by John D. Imboden, and
10 other independent commands, including the cadet corps of VMI, which had an infantry
11 battalion of 247 cadets, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Scott Ship, and a two-gun
12 artillery section; and

13 WHEREAS, 47 VMI cadets were wounded in the battle, and the following ten cadets were
14 killed outright or mortally wounded: Samuel Francis Atwell, William Henry Cabell, Charles
15 Gay Crockett, Alva Curtis Hartsfield, Luther Cary Haynes, Thomas Garland Jefferson, Henry
16 Jenner Jones, William Hugh McDowell, Jaqueline Beverly Stanard, and Joseph Christopher
17 Wheelwright.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize the 150th anniversary of the Battle of New Market and
20 remember the historical significance of this battle and the involvement of the Virginia
21 Military Institute in this battle.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.