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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 434

Offered February 23, 2000

*Commending Thomas G. Baker, Jr.*

Patrons—Melvin, Abbitt, Albo, Amundson, Barlow, Baskerville, Bennett, Black, Blevins, Bloxom, Bolvin, Brink, Broman, Bryant, Byron, Callahan, Cantor, Clement, Councill, Cranwell, Crittenden, Darner, Davis, DeBoer, Deeds, Diamonstein, Dickinson, Dillard, Drake, Dudley, Grayson, Griffith, Hall, Hamilton, Hargrove, Harris, Howell, Hull, Ingram, Jackson, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., Jones, S.C., Katzen, Keister, Kilgore, Landes, Larrabee, Louderback, Marshall, McEachin, McQuigg, Moran, Morgan, Moss, O'Brien, Orrock, Parrish, Phillips, Plum, Pollard, Purkey, Putney, Reid, Rhodes, Robinson, Rollison, Ruff, Scott, Sherwood, Shuler, Spruill, Stump, Suit, Tata, Tate, Thomas, Van Landingham, Wagner, Wardrup, Ware, Watts, Weatherholtz, Williams and Woodrum; Senators: Bolling, Lambert, Martin and Schrock

WHEREAS, Thomas G. Baker, Jr., served with distinction as a member of the Joint Commission on Health Care; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Health Care was created by the 1992 Session of the General Assembly to continue the work of the Commission on Health Care for All Virginians; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Joint Commission on Health Care is to study, report, and make recommendations on all areas of health care provision, regulation, insurance, liability, licensing, and delivery of health care services; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Health Care works to ensure that the most cost-effective and efficacious means of delivery of health care services are adopted so that the greatest number of Virginians receive quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Health Care encourages the development of uniform policies and services to ensure the availability of high quality, affordable, and accessible health services; and

WHEREAS, Thomas G. Baker, Jr., effectively represented the health care needs of rural areas of the Commonwealth throughout his term on the Joint Commission on Health Care; and

WHEREAS, Thomas G. Baker, Jr., devoted particular attention to improving access to health care services in medically underserved areas, including increasing access to prenatal and obstetrical care for women and expanding the use of telemedicine applications; and

WHEREAS, Thomas G. Baker, Jr., served on the Joint Commission on Health Care's Long-Term Care Subcommittee and Midwifery Subcommittee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Thomas G. Baker, Jr., for his vision, dedication, and commitment to improving the health status of all Virginians; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Thomas G. Baker, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's sincere appreciation for his outstanding service and accomplishments.

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