2004 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 376

Commending David L. Bernd.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2004 Agreed to by the Senate, February 26, 2004

WHEREAS, David L. Bernd, chief executive officer of Sentara Healthcare in Norfolk, was elected the 105th chairman of the American Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, David Bernd is the first Virginia resident to be elected to this position and will serve in this capacity until January 2005; and

WHEREAS, in his position as president, David Bernd will serve as a national spokesperson for the health care industry regarding issues and trends that affect people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, David Bernd will represent nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, and networks across the country, including 37,000 individual members, drawing national attention to Virginia; and

WHEREAS, David Bernd assumes this responsibility at a very critical time in the health care industry's history as it faces issues involving access to care, affordability of care, quality of care and patient safety, and legal changes governing patient confidentiality, and he will be called on nationally for leadership and vision in addressing these issues; and

WHEREAS, David Bernd has been with Sentara Healthcare for more than 30 years, beginning his career as an assistant administrator at Norfolk General Hospital, and his leadership skills and vision have led Sentara to a position as one of the top health care systems in the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David L. Bernd on his leadership in the health care community and his election as chairman of the American Hospital Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David L. Bernd as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and appreciation for his notable professional achievements.