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Commending Dr. Peter Eyre.

Patron—Shuler

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter Eyre served with distinction from 1985 through 2003 as the second dean in the history of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine is a nationally recognized college of veterinary medicine that includes flagship campus facilities at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, and the Avrum Gudelsky Veterinary Center at the University of Maryland at College Park; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eyre earned a BVMS degree and the MRCVS Diploma in veterinary medicine, and B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in pharmacology, all from the prestigious University of Edinburgh in Scotland; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 18-year tenure as dean of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine Dr. Eyre distinguished himself as a visionary who led his college with a strong sense of integrity, encouraged high standards of performance, conducted himself with a sense of diplomacy that invited partnership and collaboration, and helped Virginia Tech make important advancements in the biomedical sciences; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Dr. Eyre's leadership and the excellence he inspired in others, the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine developed into a \$32 million enterprise that has graduated more than 1,500 veterinarians and earned a national reputation for excellence in its veterinary public practice training programs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Dr. Eyre's leadership, the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine has brought national recognition to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the State of Maryland for their highly successful administration of a regional professional school that is regarded as a national model of interstate cooperation, innovation, and efficiency and has fulfilled the vision of its founders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eyre has made lasting and important contributions to society and to the veterinary profession throughout his career, received numerous commendations for excellence, and provided voluntary leadership for several professional organizations and societies, including service as president of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly express its deep appreciation to Dr. Peter Eyre for his exemplary and meritorious service to the Commonwealth and to the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Peter Eyre in recognition of his achievements and to the college so that it might be displayed as a testimonial to Dr. Eyre's lasting contributions and the college's noble causes.

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