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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 501

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Commending the Children's National Medical Center.

Patrons—Whipple, Barker, Howell, Ticer and Vogel; Delegates: Amundson, Caputo, Ebbin, Eisenberg, Englin, Hugo, Hull, May, Plum, Poisson, Rust, Scott, J.M., Shannon and Sickles

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center is the only exclusive provider of pediatric care in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, including Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center has served our nation's children for more than 135 years as a leader in the development and application of innovative new treatments for childhood illness and injury; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center has as its mission to improve health outcomes for children regionally, nationally, and internationally; to be a leader in creating innovative solutions to pediatric healthcare problems; and to excel in care, advocacy, research, and education to meet the unique needs of children, adolescents, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center is a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) has the region's highest acuity designation and cares for some of Virginia's sickest babies; and

WHEREAS, more than 12,400 patients from Virginia visited Children's National Medical Center in fiscal year 2008 for inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center on average devotes 50 percent of its inpatient care to children enrolled in Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center provided \$55.7 million in uncompensated care in fiscal year 2008, with care to Virginians accounting for \$6.9 million; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center's Fairfax Outpatient Center handles more than 28,000 visits per year and provides Northern Virginia families with access to care in more than 25 pediatric specialties; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders of Northern Virginia handles more than 12,000 visits per year; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center has a proven track record of collaborating with Virginia-based health care providers to improve access to pediatric specialty services for the Commonwealth's children and families; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center was ranked among the elite—the top 30-of pediatric specialty care providers in the country by *United States News and World Report*; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center was one of only seven children's hospitals in the country and the only children's hospital in the Mid-Atlantic region named to The Leapfrog Group's 2008 Top Hospitals list for its commitment to patient care quality and safety; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center has been named one of the nation's 100 "Most Wired" Hospitals by *Hospitals and Health Networks* magazine in recognition of being a leader in investing in IT to help meet strategic objectives in the areas of quality, safety, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, sixty-six doctors from Children's National Medical Center were honored as the region's "Top Doctors" in the February 2009 issue of *Northern Virginia Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center's research arm, Children's Research Institute, is one of the leading pediatric research facilities in the nation and recently expanded its research facilities to more than 100,000 square feet atop the main hospital; and

WHEREAS, Children's National Medical Center employs more than 800 Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Children's National Medical Center on its continued development, national and regional awards and distinctions, and its numerous other contributions to children's health care; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Children's National Medical Center as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the hospital and its supporters for their commitment to the medical treatment and the well-being of the children of the Commonwealth and the region.

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