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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 154

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Commending the Chesterfield County Health Department dental unit.

Patrons—Loupassi, Cox, Ingram, Ware, Carr, Dance, McQuinn and Robinson

WHEREAS, the Chesterfield County Health Department dental unit helped strengthen the oral health and overall wellness of the community by performing oral cancer screenings at the Central Virginia Community Health Fair on October 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Community Health Fair is one of many projects in the Commonwealth to raise awareness of health issues and provide outreach to members of the community; in 2013, over 600 people visited the fair and received a variety of services, including flu vaccinations, blood pressure checks, medical information, and oral health screenings; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Witcher organized the Chesterfield County Health Department dental unit's participation in the fair, arranging for a dental van from the Virginia Department of Health to be used for screenings; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of Dr. Doug Walters, Dr. Sam Galstan, and three dental students from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, the dental unit performed 78 oral cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, oral cancer is one of the top 10 most commonly diagnosed cancers among men in the United States and the Commonwealth; survival rates are highest when oral cancer is diagnosed early, but many people do not receive regular screenings; and

WHEREAS, the dental unit was just one of many local agencies from in and around Chesterfield County cooperating to make the Central Virginia Community Health Fair a success; the benefits of the fair have been far-reaching in the area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Chesterfield County Health Department dental unit for serving the community by providing 78 oral cancer screenings at the Central Virginia Community Health Fair; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Chesterfield County Health Department dental unit as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the unit's commitment to decreasing barriers to oral health and ensuring good oral health among Virginians.

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