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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 200

Offered March 3, 2014

Celebrating the life of Thomas Joseph Sullivan, MD, FAAP.

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WHEREAS, Thomas Joseph Sullivan, MD, FAAP, of Springfield, a noted pediatrician and child advocate, died on January 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was a graduate of Seton Hall University, received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and completed an internship at Walter Reed Army Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan served honorably as a medical officer in the United States Army from 1965 to 1968, including an assignment in Vietnam, and attained the rank of major; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan completed pediatric residency training at Babies Hospital Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan had practiced in Northern Virginia since 1972 and created ALL Pediatrics in partnership with Richard Ryan, MD; ALL Pediatrics now has three offices in Alexandria, Lorton, and Lake Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was not only much beloved by three generations of pediatric patients and parents, but also received repeated recognition as a Doctor of Excellence by the *Washington Family Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was an innovator and leader in primary care pediatrics for the care of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), established the Medical Home model at ALL Pediatrics to improve care for special needs children, and was an early user of electronic health records to ensure that records are available at all office sites; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was a founding member in 1994 of the Virginia Child Fatality Review Committee in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the Virginia Department of Health; the committee examined precise details of child deaths to determine how they could be prevented and to make recommendations for education, training, and interventions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was an active leader of the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Virginia coordinator for Pediatric Research in the Office Setting (PROS), establishing one of the larger PROS state groups in the AAP; he created the Pediatric Education Foundation of Virginia to provide grant funds for pediatric practices to support quality care for children with ADHD and, after successful application of the Bright Futures model of preventive and anticipatory care in his own practice, assisted in the development of the Bright Futures model for the programs of the Virginia Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was president of the Virginia Chapter of the AAP from 2000 to 2002, during which time he directed changes in the administrative management of the chapter that greatly enhanced the ability of the chapter to become a forceful and effective advocate for children's health needs in the General Assembly, the various government agencies of the Commonwealth, and other advocacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan contributed to health care governance in Northern Virginia as chief of pediatrics at INOVA Alexandria Hospital, staff pediatrician at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, board member of the Children's National Medical Center, and chair of the Children's Hospital Health Network; he was an associate clinical professor at George Washington Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan represented the Virginia Chapter in a Learning Collaborative of the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality for both Management of ADHD and the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was a man with limitless ideas on how to advance child health and was recognized throughout the Commonwealth and the nation for his commitment to the wellness and safety of children; and

WHEREAS, eulogies at his funeral mass provided a complimentary picture of Dr. Sullivan as a man with enthusiasm for his professional work, a commitment to innovation, a love of committees and advocacy, a sense of humor, and a strong religious faith; he was a loving husband to Jacqueline Sullivan and a proud Irish patriarch with five children and 17 grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas Joseph Sullivan, MD, FAAP, a dedicated physician, an effective child health advocate, and a child's best friend; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for

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59 presentation to the family of Thomas Joseph Sullivan, MD, FAAP, as an expression of the General
60 Assembly's respect for his 41 years of far-reaching service to the children and families of the
61 Commonwealth of Virginia.