

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 846

Commending the Sentara Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2017

WHEREAS, in February 1982, the Norfolk-based Sentara Healthcare organization voluntarily launched the Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance program; and

WHEREAS, the Sentara Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance program (Nightingale) operates within a 125-mile radius of its base at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, eastern Virginia's only Level I Trauma and tertiary referral center, and saves precious time for critically ill and injured patients; and

WHEREAS, Nightingale has flown more than 20,000 accident-free missions from trauma scenes and community hospitals since its inception and works closely with emergency medical services, fire departments, and other first responders; and

WHEREAS, Sentara Healthcare operates Nightingale as part of its not-for-profit mission, and Nightingale transports all trauma and medical patients regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Nightingale continues to invest in new technologies, such as instrument landing systems at area hospitals and airports to facilitate safe operations during bad weather; and

WHEREAS, generous donors in the Hampton Roads community helped Nightingale purchase a new, state-of-the-art aircraft in 2011 to ensure continued safe operations for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Nightingale is a life-saving community asset that improves the quality of life for all residents of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, many residents of southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina are alive today thanks in part to the rapid transport and advanced medical care provided by Nightingale's dedicated and highly trained pilots and medical personnel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Sentara Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance program on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Sentara Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance program as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the life-saving services provided by the Sentara Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance program.

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