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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 493

Offered March 5, 2018

*Commending Chris Lumsden.*_____
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WHEREAS, Chris Lumsden, a respected hospital administrator who has made many contributions to the residents of Halifax County, retires as president of Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital on March 31, 2018, after 30 years of exceptional leadership; and

WHEREAS, a native of Roanoke, Chris Lumsden holds degrees from Bridgewater College and The George Washington University; he worked as an assistant administrator at Danville Regional Medical Center before he was hired as chief operating officer of Halifax-South Boston Community Hospital at the age of 27; and

WHEREAS, two years later, in 1988, Chris Lumsden was promoted to chief executive officer of Halifax-South Boston Community Hospital and helped the hospital grow from an acute care center with only 450 employees, to become a comprehensive health care system, which joined Sentara Healthcare in 2013 to become Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital; and

WHEREAS, under Chris Lumsden's leadership, Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital has become the largest employer in Halifax County, and one of the largest in the region, with more than 1,000 employees serving patients with a 173-bed hospital, two nursing facilities, a hospice program, and a network of about 65 physicians; and

WHEREAS, Chris Lumsden oversaw the addition of 16 new medical and surgical specialties, directed several multi-million dollar renovations, expansions, and technology upgrades, and increased employee productivity and financial performance, while maintaining high overall employee and patient satisfaction scores; and

WHEREAS, a licensed Nursing Home Administrator and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Chris Lumsden is deeply respected by his peers in hospital administration, serving as a former chair of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Chris Lumsden has supported the Southside Virginia community in many other ways, taking a particular interest in education and economic development; he supported an initiative to provide computers to Halifax County Public Schools, served as a founding chair of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center and the Halifax Education Foundation, and is a past chair of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Chris Lumsden has received numerous awards and accolades for his personal and professional achievements, including the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association's Distinguished Service Award, and, in 2017, Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital was named as one of the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals by iVantage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Chris Lumsden for 30 years of leadership to the Southside Virginia medical community on the occasion of his retirement as president of Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chris Lumsden as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of service to the residents of Halifax County.

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