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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

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Commending Paul T. Frantz, M.D.

Patron—Austin

WHEREAS, Paul T. Frantz, M.D., a cardiothoracic surgeon, has saved countless lives through his innovative pre-hospital cardiac care programs and commitment to cutting-edge research and procedures at the Carilion Clinic in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frantz earned his medical degree from Georgetown University and completed general surgery and thoracic surgery residencies at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill; he has held faculty appointments at UNC, the University of Virginia, and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Dr. Frantz was appointed as founding director of the Cardiac Surgery Program at what is now the Carilion Clinic; he later became the medical director for Cardiac Services at the clinic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frantz plays an integral role in the medical community of Southwest Virginia, which has some of the highest instances of heart disease in the Commonwealth; under his leadership, the Carilion Clinic has grown into the premier cardiac treatment center in the region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frantz established the Heart Alert program, which helps medical professionals in the pre-hospital setting identify patients suffering from heart attacks, allowing them to receive proper lifesaving treatment more quickly; he expanded the program from the Carilion Clinic to first responders and other regional referral hospitals throughout Southwest Virginia and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frantz also pioneered the Carilion Clinic's Therapeutic Hypothermia program for post-cardiac arrest patients, as well as the clinic's use of innovative technology to treat heart failure, such as the left ventricular assist device; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frantz has placed a high emphasis on research and outreach to the community and other hospitals; the Carilion Clinic developed HeartNet of the Virginias, an educational program that hosts an annual conference and offers consultation services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Paul T. Frantz, M.D., hereby be commended for his work to advance the field of cardiac care at the Carilion Clinic in Roanoke; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Paul T. Frantz, M.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the health and wellness of the residents of Southwest Virginia.

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