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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 612

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Commending the Mission of Mercy project.

Patrons—Kory, Price and Sullivan; Senator: Favola

WHEREAS, the Mission of Mercy project, a series of free dental clinics established by the Virginia Dental Association, hosted its 100th event at the University of Virginia College at Wise David J. Prior Convocation Center on July 20 - 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mission of Mercy was created in 2000 by Terry Dickinson, executive director of the Virginia Dental Association, to provide preventative, restorative, and surgical dental treatments to thousands of Virginians who lack dental insurance or access to proper dental care; and

WHEREAS, the 100th Mission of Mercy event was the first in the program's history to be held indoors, ensuring a comfortable, safe event for patients and volunteers; a total of 953 patients from Southwest Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio, and Florida received treatment valued at \$1.3 million during the three-day event; and

WHEREAS, Mission of Mercy achieved its milestone 100th event with the help and hard work of Virginia Dental Association member dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, dental labs, staff members, other volunteers, and the Virginia Dental Association Foundation, as well as community partners throughout Virginia, such as the College at Wise and the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Mission of Mercy project for its success in providing dental care to people in underserved areas of the Commonwealth on the occasion of its 100th event; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Dental Association as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Mission of Mercy project's important work to promote good oral health.

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