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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 954

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Commending Sue Ranson.

Patrons—Rasoul, Adams, D.M., Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Kory, Landes and Ware; Senators: Boysko, Ebbin and Edwards

WHEREAS, Sue Ranson, an experienced caregiver who cofounded Good Samaritan Hospice in Roanoke, retired as president and chief executive officer of the organization on December 31, 2018, after 27 years of service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Baltimore, Sue Ranson began her medical career in pediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond; she relocated to Roanoke, where she worked for Community Hospital, leading a senior wellness program and a grief counseling program; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Sue Ranson helped establish Good Samaritan Hospice, the first Medicare-certified in-patient hospice in the Roanoke Valley and still the only nonprofit, community-based hospice in the area; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings with only two volunteer staff members and Sue Ranson as the organization's only nurse, Good Samaritan Hospice has touched the lives of more than 11,000 patients and their families through more than 500,000 staff and volunteer visits; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ranson went on to serve as vice president of patient care services and had become president and chief executive officer by 1995; her passion, dedication, and innovative leadership helped the organization continue to fulfill its mission to provide seamless, coordinated, and compassionate care year after year; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ranson helped establish the Palliative Care Partnership of the Roanoke Valley as well as an international hospice in China; she offered her wisdom and expertise to the Virginia Association for Hospices and Palliative Care and the Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology Futures Board, among many other organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sue Ranson on the occasion of her retirement as president and chief executive officer of Good Samaritan Hospice in Roanoke; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sue Ranson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her visionary leadership in the health care industry and unparalleled care for her patients.

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