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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 463

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Commending Daily Planet Health Services.

Patrons—McClellan, Dance and Dunnivant; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bagby and Bourne

WHEREAS, in 2019, Daily Planet Health Services celebrates 50 years of service to people in need in the Greater Richmond region; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1969, Daily Planet Health Services began by providing counseling, food, and shelter as a solution for those who were struggling with mental health issues and living on the streets; today, Daily Planet Health Services is part of a continuum of care in coordination with Homeward and, as such, is the community health provider of comprehensive, quality healthcare to those who are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, through five decades of identifying and meeting community need, Daily Planet Health Services has broadened its reach and today provides primary care, mental health, and substance use treatment and dental care to anyone without regard to their financial, citizenship, or housing status; and

WHEREAS, as a federally qualified health center, Daily Planet Health Services partners with all area health systems as a health safety net providing service on a sliding fee scale based on income; in 2017, a Medication-Assisted Treatment program was begun for those suffering from opioid use disorder; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Virginia Health Care Foundation bestowed its inaugural Health Safety Innovation Award on Daily Planet Health Services in recognition of the quality health outcome measures for homeless patients enrolled in its Diabetes Impact program; and

WHEREAS, today, Daily Planet Health Services serves nearly 8,000 unique patients a year; in addition to operating two free-standing health center locations in Richmond, Daily Planet Health Services partners with other community organizations to make care available to those who might not otherwise have access; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Daily Planet Health Services for celebrating 50 years of service to people in need in the Greater Richmond region; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Daily Planet Health Services as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its mission to provide accessible, comprehensive, and integrated quality health services to anyone regardless of housing, financial, or insurance status.

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