

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 167

*Commending the Richmond Academy of Medicine.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2020  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2020

WHEREAS, the Richmond Academy of Medicine, one of the oldest local, professional medical societies in the Commonwealth, will observe its 200th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Academy of Medicine originated in 1820 and was formed to provide education and support for physicians in Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Academy of Medicine has remained an integral part of Virginia's medical community, serving as an advocate for patients, an ally to physicians, and a trusted partner in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Academy of Medicine has grown into a progressive organization that includes Access Now, Honoring Choices Virginia, Centralized Credentials Verification Service, and other entities to ensure the best care for all patients in Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Academy of Medicine has been recognized nationally for its programs to support young physicians; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Academy of Medicine provides legislative advocacy to protect patients and the practice of medicine, including several White Coats on Call days at the General Assembly each year; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Academy of Medicine sponsors general meetings for all area physicians, advocacy activities, social events, networking opportunities, physician bylaws education, and family support programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Richmond Academy of Medicine physicians championed the creation of Richmond Metropolitan Blood Services, Central Virginia's first blood bank that served all local hospitals; the organization was later known as Virginia Blood Services and is now part of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, countless patients in Central Virginia have benefited from the education and advocacy of the Richmond Academy of Medicine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Richmond Academy of Medicine on the occasion of its 200th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Richmond Academy of Medicine as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Academy's service to generations of Virginians.

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