

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 657

*Commending James B. Cole.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021

Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, James B. Cole has ably served residents of Arlington and Northern Virginia as president and chief executive officer of Virginia Hospital Center, helping the facility to earn national accolades for its commitment to patient care and clinical excellence; and

WHEREAS, James Cole holds degrees from the University of Virginia, the University of Washington, and Georgia State University and has spent more than 30 years of his professional career with Virginia Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, as president and chief executive officer, James Cole has helped Virginia Hospital Center grow from a small, community health clinic to an award-winning medical center recognized nationwide for its outstanding organizational performance and high marks in patient satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, James Cole's steady, visionary leadership has resulted in the Virginia Hospital Center becoming the only hospital in the region to join the Mayo Clinic Care Network, and the hospital has launched a \$250 million expansion to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, James Cole has received numerous awards and accolades for his personal and professional achievements; during his tenure as president and chief executive officer, Virginia Hospital Center has been ranked by Truven Health Analytics as one of the top 100 hospitals in the country for three consecutive years and one of the top 50 cardiovascular hospitals for two consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, highly respected in the medical field, James Cole is a current member and former chair of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association Board, was founding chair of the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance Board, and has previously served on the boards of CrossLink, CrisisLink, and the Arlington Free Clinic; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, James Cole postponed his planned retirement to provide stability for Virginia Hospital Center during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; the hospital has been a regional leader in its response to the pandemic by facilitating safe testing sites and participating in several initiatives to develop a treatment for the virus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James B. Cole for his outstanding service as president and chief executive officer of Virginia Hospital Center; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James B. Cole as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the health care profession and dedication to the members of the Arlington community.

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