

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 801

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Commending Nancy M. Welch, MD.

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WHEREAS, Nancy M. Welch, MD, esteemed director of the Chesapeake Health Department, has greatly served citizens by enhancing the implementation of public health policy in the Commonwealth over the past half-century; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Welch holds a Bachelor's Degree from Lynchburg College, a Doctor of Medicine Degree from Duke University, a Master's Degree in business administration from Old Dominion University, and a Master's Degree in health administration from University of Colorado, where she completed her residency in pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Welch is board certified in both pediatrics and public health/preventive medicine and has served as a public health director in the Commonwealth since 1976, utilizing data analysis to motivate individuals and communities to pursue healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Welch currently serves as the director of the Chesapeake Health Department, a health district under the Virginia Department of Health, where she oversees local efforts to implement public health policy on behalf of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Welch has served on various boards and committees over the years to develop programs that enhance health outcomes and quality of life for members of her community; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Nancy Welch spearheaded the organization Healthy Chesapeake, a consortium of local departments and organizations that have bound together with the goal of serving the community's most vulnerable populations and making Chesapeake the healthiest city in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Welch has long been a vital member of the Emergency Operations Center in Chesapeake and has played a leading role in her community's response to various natural and man-made disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her unwavering efforts to serve others, Nancy Welch has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Lynchburg College Distinguished Alumni Award, the 2012 Hampton Roads YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Medicine, and the 2013 Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Marian P. Whitehurst Women in Leadership Award; she was conferred an honorary doctorate degree from Lynchburg College in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her service to the community as a doctor and public health director, Nancy Welch is a retired colonel in the United States Army Reserve who honorably served her country for many years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Nancy M. Welch, MD, director of the Chesapeake Health Department and an influential public health advocate in the Commonwealth, hereby be commended for her decades of meritorious service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nancy M. Welch, MD, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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