

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 597

*Commending J. Reese Jackson.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2023  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023

WHEREAS, J. Reese Jackson, a highly respected health care strategist with more than two decades of leadership experience, received the 2022 First Citizen of Chesapeake award for his outstanding contributions to the health and wellness of the Chesapeake community; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chesapeake selects a First Citizen of Chesapeake each year to recognize exceptional individuals, like Reese Jackson, who exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" and who have enhanced the quality of life in the community through their personal and professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, Reese Jackson holds a master's degree in health administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and a law degree from the University of Richmond; he previously served as president and chief executive officer of Forbes Hospital in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, and helped the hospital earn a certification as a Level II Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Reese Jackson became the president and chief executive officer of Chesapeake Regional Healthcare, the Commonwealth's only non-state-owned public hospital; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Reese Jackson has guided the health system's \$135 million facility improvement project to enhance and expand its services and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, known for his collaborative leadership style, Reese Jackson has fostered a work culture that promotes mutual respect, accountability, and high performance; and

WHEREAS, Reese Jackson has worked diligently to improve health and wellness across the Hampton Roads Region through strategic planning and the implementation of clinical services tailored to the unique needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Reese Jackson has also volunteered his leadership and expertise to numerous community organizations, including as chair of the American Heart Association's Hampton Roads Heart & Stroke Ball in 2019 and chair of the 2022 Hampton Roads Heart Walk; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, Reese Jackson enjoys the love and support of his wife of nearly 30 years, Mary Ann, and their daughters Isabella and Lacey; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend J. Reese Jackson on the occasion of his selection as the Rotary Club of Chesapeake's 2022 First Citizen of Chesapeake; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to J. Reese Jackson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the health care field in the Commonwealth.

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