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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 467

Offered February 23, 2023

Commending the Blue Ridge Health District.

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WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Health District, a health district under the Virginia Department of Health that provides health services to more than 250,000 people in the City of Charlottesville and in Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson Counties, greatly served the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Health District hired 122 staff members to support its mission and its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, who launched one of the first COVID-19 resource hotlines in the Commonwealth in April 2020 and who have administered more than 25,000 free COVID-19 tests and more than 48,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to date; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Health District's staff worked tirelessly to combat the transmission of this highly infectious disease, conducting extensive contact-tracking investigations and outbreak investigations, while continuing to address the health care needs of other patients; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Health District staff members have educated, collaborated, innovated, and communicated to keep the community safe during the pandemic, assisting residents in isolation due to COVID-19 infections and providing critical COVID-19-related statistics through its local data portal; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Health District team continually learned and flexed in response to an ever-changing situation, persevering to provide public health services that were vital to the health and safety of individuals and families in the Blue Ridge region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Blue Ridge Health District of the Virginia Department of Health hereby be commended for its service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Blue Ridge Health District as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its staff and their contributions to the Commonwealth.