

1998 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 321

Commending Myrna McLaughlin.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 30, 1998
Agreed to by the Senate, February 5, 1998

WHEREAS, Myrna McLaughlin, a major force in community health care in the Richmond area, has announced her retirement as director of community health and public affairs for Cross-Over Ministry, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a registered nurse, Myrna McLaughlin has been an active proponent of better community health care for more than a decade, providing health care for the homeless at the Cross-Over Ministry when it was based on West Canal Street in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Myrna McLaughlin helped to establish the Cross-Over Health Center in South Richmond in 1990, a facility that records over 8,000 patient visits annually and provides medical and dental care, preventive medicine, and community health education; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Myrna McLaughlin began the innovative Lay Health Promoter Program, which prepares neighborhood people to become leaders in the communities and links to the health care system; and

WHEREAS, Myrna McLaughlin started another innovative program, A New Beginning, which provides exercise and nutrition classes for entire families; and

WHEREAS, a member of numerous boards and commissions, Myrna McLaughlin has been recognized repeatedly for her contributions to affordable health care in the Richmond community; and

WHEREAS, Myrna McLaughlin was honored with the 1997 Richmond Times-Dispatch Outstanding Community Service Award and the 1997 SisterCare International Elizabeth Honors Award and was named the 1994 YWCA Outstanding Woman of the Year in Health and Science; and

WHEREAS, her retirement notwithstanding, Myrna McLaughlin is sure to remain an active and effective advocate for affordable community health care, good news indeed for the people of Richmond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Myrna McLaughlin for her manifold contributions to the health and well-being of the citizens of Richmond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Myrna McLaughlin as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for her ongoing dedication to providing quality health care to all who need it.

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