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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 419

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending Danville Regional Medical Center.

Patrons—Marshall, D.W.; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Danville Regional Medical Center has served the Southside Virginia community with quality medical facilities and personal care for 130 years; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Regional Medical Center was founded in 1884 as the Danville Home for the Sick with the generous support of the Ladies' Benevolent Society; and

WHEREAS, with the advent of modern techniques such as anesthesia and aseptic surgery, the Danville Home for the Sick experienced a period of great development, and in 1904, it was renamed Danville General Hospital to better reflect changes in medical capabilities and patient care; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, with the help of philanthropist John E. Hughes, Danville General Hospital built a new 100-bed facility to better serve the community; in 1924, the hospital was reincorporated as the Memorial Hospital of Danville; and

WHEREAS, between 1940 and 1960, many local residents generously donated money to help support the growing hospital; in 1966, the Ladies' Benevolent Society was certified as the Memorial Hospital of Danville's official auxiliary group; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Hospital of Danville proudly celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1984; with the service area of the hospital continuing to grow, it changed its name to Danville Regional Medical Center in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Danville Regional Medical Center greatly expanded its ability to care for the community in the 1990s, opening the Center for Radiation Oncology and state-of-the-art critical care, orthopedic, and neurological units; the hospital also introduced the Danville Regional Health System in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Danville Regional Medical Center partnered with Duke University Health System to open the Danville Heart and Vascular Center, which performed the first open heart surgery in the Dan River region in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Danville Regional Medical Center opened the Landon R. Wyatt, Jr., Tower to honor a board member who faithfully served the hospital and the Danville community for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Danville Regional Medical Center was purchased by LifePoint Hospitals in 2005 and has since expanded partnerships with Duke University Health System and Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, with which the hospital established a medical residency program; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, Danville Regional Medical Center added more than 50 new physicians and specialists and added six new clinics throughout the area; the hospital announced plans in 2012 to build a new Family Healthcare Center in Gretna and renovate and expand facilities in Chatham; and

WHEREAS, with more than 1,300 employees, Danville Regional Medical Center is one of the largest employers in the region; the hospital owes much of its ongoing success to the loyalty and hard work of the physicians, staff, volunteers, and board members and the support and encouragement of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Danville Regional Medical Center on the occasion of its 130th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Danville Regional Medical Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the hospital's storied history and commitment to the health and well-being of the residents of the Dan River region.

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