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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5051

Offered June 20, 2014

*Commending R. Edward Howell.*

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WHEREAS, R. Edward Howell, the longtime vice president and chief executive officer of University of Virginia Medical Center who greatly improved and expanded health care options in the Charlottesville area, retires in July 2014; and

WHEREAS, Edward Howell served the community as a high school teacher and coach, then began a distinguished 37-year career in health care; he served as chief executive officer of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics before joining the University of Virginia Medical Center in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Edward Howell oversaw more than 5,000 employees at University of Virginia Medical Center and worked to meet countless patients' needs by strengthening the hospital both clinically and financially; and

WHEREAS, under Edward Howell's tenure, the University of Virginia Medical Center added 100 inpatient beds, expanded surgical and medical procedure capacities, implemented electronic medical records, and built the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center, the Transitional Care Hospital, and a clinical laboratory facility; and

WHEREAS, one of Edward Howell's proudest accomplishments was the construction of an expanded outpatient facility for the University of Virginia Children's Hospital, which is scheduled for completion in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Edward Howell extended the University of Virginia Medical Center's high quality care to the Culpeper area through an agreement with Culpeper Regional Hospital in 2009, and he built strong partnerships with Riverside Health System, Mary Washington Healthcare, and Winchester Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader in the field, Edward Howell offered his time and wisdom to numerous boards and committees and currently serves as the secretary and treasurer for the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association; and

WHEREAS, during his well-earned retirement, Edward Howell plans to focus on teaching and spend more time with his family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend R. Edward Howell on the occasion of his retirement as vice president and chief executive officer of University of Virginia Medical Center; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to R. Edward Howell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the medical field and best wishes on a happy retirement.

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