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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 368

Offered February 20, 2015

*Commending the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.*Patron—Lewis

WHEREAS, the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, a volunteer organization supporting the patients and staff of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital on the Eastern Shore, celebrates the 50th anniversary of its annual Hospital Ball in 2015; and

WHEREAS, what is now known as the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary predates the current hospital and traces its roots to 1920, when a group of concerned citizens organized under Bessie Anderson to raise funds for the Eastern Shore's first hospital, which was completed in 1928; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary has supported Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital by raising funds for construction and renovations, scholarships and education for staff, the establishment of a mammography unit, and new equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary hosts many events to support the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, including the annual Hospital Ball, the hospital's premier fundraising effort; in 2013, the Auxiliary pledged to raise \$520,000 by 2017, to be raised through the Hospital Ball, the Festival of Lights, the Antique Show, and the Althea Shelton Gift Shop; and

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the Hospital Ball; the first Hospital Ball was held in 1965 and helped raise money for the construction of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's current facility in Nassawadox; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary has been recognized by the American Hospital Association for its dedication to the residents of the Eastern Shore and for its distinguished service to the hospital; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary on the occasion of the organization's 50th annual Hospital Ball; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's long tradition of support for the hospital and the Eastern Shore community.

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