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35 36 Commending Peter Bastone.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 583

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WHEREAS, Peter Bastone, an experienced leader in the health care field, retired as president and chief executive officer of Chesapeake Regional Medical Center on March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Peter Bastone was named president and chief executive officer of Chesapeake Regional Medical Center in 2013, bringing more than 30 years of leadership experience to one of the Commonwealth's only independent hospitals; and

WHEREAS, with Peter Bastone's guidance, Chesapeake Regional Medical Center preserved its independence, strengthened its commitment to patient satisfaction and care, and laid the foundation for continued growth and stability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Peter Bastone oversaw the rebranding of Chesapeake Regional Medical Center and orchestrated a significant increase in operating income; he also helped the hospital pay all public debt and maintain a AA bond rating; and

WHEREAS, Peter Bastone helped enhance Chesapeake Regional Medical Center's clinical and technological capabilities by establishing one of the leading surgical robotics programs in the Commonwealth and a clinically integrated accountable care organization with Bayview Medical Group;

WHEREAS, Peter Bastone also worked with the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, restructuring its operations, obtaining bridge grants, and optimizing its scope of service to ensure stability and viability in the future; and

WHEREAS, Peter Bastone was a respected advocate for hospitals and patients in the Commonwealth, providing crucial data and insight on health care policies to government officials; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Peter Bastone worked as chief administrative officer of CHA Health Systems in Los Angeles and served as president and chief executive officer of two hospitals in California; he holds degrees from Princeton University; the University of California, Berkeley; and the St. Louis University Aquinas Institute of Theology; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Peter Bastone on the occasion of his retirement as president and chief executive officer of Chesapeake Regional Medical Center; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Peter Bastone as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding service to the residents of Chesapeake and best wishes on future endeavors.