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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 820

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Commending LeRoy John Essig, M.D.

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WHEREAS, LeRoy John Essig, M.D., who touched the lives of countless cancer patients as the Fredericksburg area's first oncologist, retired in September 2016 after more than four decades of providing expert care; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of The Ohio State University, Dr. Essig was hired by Pratt Medical Center as an oncologist in 1975; early in his career, he also practiced hematology and family medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Essig served generations of family members through what was often the most stressful period of their lives; he witnessed numerous changes and advances to the treatment of cancer during his 40-year career, and in 1985, he established his own oncology practice to better serve patients; and

WHEREAS, having supported his late wife, Ann, through her own cancer treatment and recovery, Dr. Essig put people at ease with his honesty, sincerity, and natural empathy, and he worked hard to build strong, personal relationships with each of his patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, staffed by an expert team of compassionate nurses, Dr. Essig's office was specially designed, based on his wife's personal experiences as a cancer patient; he offered unique treatment plans for each patient based on their needs and preferences; and

WHEREAS, a devout man, Dr. Essig lived his faith through his tireless service and care for members of the community; after his well-earned retirement, he plans to spend more time with his four grown children and 11 grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend LeRoy John Essig, M.D., on the occasion of his retirement as a physician in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to LeRoy John Essig, M.D., as an expression the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Fredericksburg community.

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