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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 317

Offered February 21, 2018

Commending the Southeastern Virginia Health System.

Patrons—Price, Brewer, Byron, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Hayes, Helsel, Hodges, James, Jones, S.C., Leftwich, Lindsey, Miyares, Mullin, Stolle, Turpin, Ward and Yancey; Senators: Mason and Spruill

WHEREAS, for 40 years, the nonprofit Southeastern Virginia Health System has provided accessible, high-quality health care services to the residents of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Virginia Health System (SEVHS) traces its origins to 1977, when Whittaker Memorial Hospital in Newport News launched a community effort to expand affordable health care services in the city's East End; and

WHEREAS, with the aid of concerned citizens, a group known as the East End Health Services Delivery Project formed and secured federal funding to open a community health center; later known as the Peninsula Institute for Community Health, the organization was renamed Southeastern Virginia Health System in 2013; and

WHEREAS, SEVHS now includes 11 community health care centers operating in Newport News, Hampton, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Matthews County, and Franklin; each year, it provides health care services to over 25,000 patients; and

WHEREAS, SEVHS's wide range of health services includes family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and dental care; and

WHEREAS, along with wellness and education programs to promote healthy lifestyles, SEVHS offers chronic disease management, behavioral health counseling, immunizations, on-site laboratory testing, and HIV/AIDS case management; and

WHEREAS, SEVHS is committed to serving all patients regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay; it operates a health care program for the homeless and provides free prescription medications to disadvantaged patients; and

WHEREAS, over its four decades in operation, SEVHS has remained committed to the idea that all people deserve access to first-rate health care; its talented doctors, nurses, and staff members have improved the quality of life for thousands of patients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Southeastern Virginia Health System on the occasion of its 40th anniversary for providing exceptional medical care to the residents of Hampton Roads; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Southeastern Virginia Health System as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its dedication to public health and best wishes for continued success.

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