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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 251

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Commending Sarah Rosenberger Eissler.

Patrons—Tran; Senators: Barker, Bell, Boysko, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Kiggans, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike, Morrissey, Norment, Peake, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Surovell and Vogel

WHEREAS, Sarah Rosenberger Eissler, a devoted caregiver who helped bring essential services to underserved communities in Virginia, received the 2019 Nancy Vance Award from the Virginia Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, named for a trailblazing leader in health education, the Nancy Vance Award recognizes nurses and public health professionals like Sarah "Sallie" Rosenberger Eissler for their commitment to excellence in the field; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Eissler has dedicated much of her career to serving populations with limited or no access to health care by developing free clinics, operating mobile health vans, and building strong, personal relationships with each community; and

WHEREAS, as director of community outreach operations for Kaiser Permanente, Sallie Eissler led a project to place nurse practitioners and physician's assistants in free clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers between Baltimore and Fredericksburg; over the course of seven years, the project accounted for 325,000 patient encounters; and

WHEREAS, during her term as president of the Virginia Nurses Foundation, Sallie Eissler established SYNC, an interprofessional leadership development program for health care workers, that was the first of its kind in the Commonwealth; she addressed the needs and concerns of her fellow nurse practitioners through her work with the Virginia Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, Sallie Eissler has earned many other awards and accolades, including the Raven Award from the University of Virginia, the Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, and the Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award from the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sarah Rosenberger Eissler on receiving the 2019 Nancy Vance Award from the Virginia Nurses Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sarah Rosenberger Eissler as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the nursing profession and exceptional care for her patients.

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