

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 206

Commending Lackey Clinic.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, Lackey Clinic, a free clinic in York County serving thousands of patients each year from Williamsburg, James City County, York County, Poquoson, and Newport News, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, compelled by their faith to serve others, Jim and Cooka Shaw founded the Lackey Clinic in 1995 to provide medical care to economically disadvantaged members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the clinic initially operated one night a week out of a Sunday school room at the Rising Sun Baptist Church in Lackey, later moving to the Charles Brown Community Center as the clinic's population grew; and

WHEREAS, the Lackey Clinic ultimately moved into a new facility in 2003, which was expanded in 2013 to create a 10,000-square-foot clinic with 10 exam rooms, two group rooms for patient education, and five dental operating rooms; and

WHEREAS, with an emphasis on providing holistic care for its patients, Lackey Clinic offers various medical services onsite, including a pharmacy, a dental clinic, and chronic-care clinic for patients with diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and other ongoing conditions; and

WHEREAS, Lackey Clinic has been volunteer-driven from the beginning and today depends on over 400 volunteers, both with and without medical backgrounds, to handle the thousands of patients the clinic sees each year; and

WHEREAS, staffed in part by student volunteers pursuing medical careers at neighboring universities, Lackey Clinic plays a major role in training the next generation of health care providers in the region; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its impact on the community, Lackey Clinic's founders, Jim and Cooka Shaw, were named *Daily Press* Citizens of the Year in 2007, while its volunteers were honored with the same award in 2016; and

WHEREAS, for its efforts to address systemic challenges facing the community, Lackey Clinic was also recipient of the 2019 Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award, which will provide the clinic with a two-year, \$200,000 grant and leadership training to further its mission; and

WHEREAS, although Jim Shaw passed away in 2015, Lackey Clinic continues to live out the Shaws' vision of providing medical care to society's underprivileged individuals and families; what started as an evening clinic in a Sunday school room 25 years ago has grown into one of the area's leading medical facilities, a testament to the power of that vision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lackey Clinic, a free clinic operating in York County, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larry M. Trumbore, Jr., executive director of Lackey Clinic, as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for the clinic's efforts to care for residents of the Commonwealth in need.

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