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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

Offered February 19, 2020

*Commending the Medical Society of Virginia.*

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WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia, the only association representing all medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy in the Commonwealth, will observe its 200th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1820, the Medical Society of Virginia was founded by a group of 17 physicians from Richmond and Manchester who gathered in hopes of creating a better place to practice medicine and receive care; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia is proud to have approximately 10,000 Virginia physicians, physician assistants, residents, and medical students as members; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia leads advocacy efforts to protect patients and to expand access to high-quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia was responsible for the creation of the State Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Medicine, and the Virginia Health Quality Center; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia strives to fortify physician wellness and mitigate burnout through programming and education; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia empowers physicians to achieve positive change for their patients and their communities through leadership and interprofessional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia has led initiatives to curb the opioid crisis through stakeholder partnerships, education opportunities for physicians, and the elimination of barriers for patients seeking treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Society of Virginia is dedicated to serving as a partner, organizer, and leader in building a healthier Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Medical Society of Virginia hereby be commended on the occasion of its 200th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Medical Society of Virginia as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect and admiration of the Society's long-standing service to physicians and their patients.

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