

# 2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 551

*Commending the Virginia Hospital Center.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 28, 2020

WHEREAS, the Virginia Hospital Center, the preeminent medical institution in Arlington providing essential services to the community for many years, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, formerly known as Arlington Hospital, the Virginia Hospital Center has served countless citizens of the Commonwealth since its founding, greatly contributing to the health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Hospital Association, the precursor to the Virginia Hospital Center, was founded in 1934 following a grassroots fundraising campaign led by five local women's clubs; and

WHEREAS, initially a small operation established at the home of a dairy farm, the Arlington Hospital Association unveiled its fully operational, 100-bed facility in 1944, vastly expanding the medical services available in the area at the time; and

WHEREAS, in November 2004, the Virginia Hospital Center officially opened its \$150 million state-of-the-art facility, offering 394 beds across 530,000 square feet to ensure the utmost comfort and care for patients and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Hospital Center joined the Mayo Clinic Care Network in 2015, enabling the hospital to benefit from the Mayo Clinic's acclaimed medical research and expertise and to better serve its patients; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Hospital Center has been a dedicated and indispensable partner of the Arlington Free Clinic since it was founded 25 years ago, providing the clinic with millions of dollars of support in the form of diagnostic testing, consultations, and procedures; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2019, donors, community members, and hospital leaders gathered for a reception at Top of the Town in Arlington to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Virginia Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, through VHC Vision 2025-Better Together, a \$26 million campaign to fund the next phase of its growth, the Virginia Hospital Center promises to continue to innovate and evolve so it may best serve its patients and the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Hospital Center, a leading medical institution beloved by the citizens of Arlington, hereby be commended on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Cole, president and chief executive officer of the Virginia Hospital System, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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