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Commending health care workers in Virginia.

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WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, former Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in Virginia to coordinate the Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, doctors, nurses, technicians, transporters, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists, and all who support patient care have risen to the occasion and have cared for the Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations, all while risking their personal exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, health care workers across the Commonwealth have worked tirelessly to keep Virginians safe, and in the last two years, they have made great personal sacrifices and endured exhaustion and fatigue from extended hours of work caused by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, health care workers on the front lines leading the charge to abate the crisis and protect the Commonwealth have shown bravery and courage, and many have isolated themselves to keep their families safe; and

WHEREAS, health care workers have proven to be not just leaders in medicine, but leaders in small business innovation; health systems and small practices alike have reinvented the way health care is delivered to patients by embracing and implementing telemedicine to maintain continuity of care; and

WHEREAS, health care workers have gone above and beyond their call of duty, exhibiting boundless compassion, unfailing commitment to saving the lives of their patients, and incredible strength to continue battling the COVID-19 pandemic on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the health care workers who have enhanced and upheld quality of care and sustained a commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession have earned the recognition and gratitude of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend health care workers in Virginia for their ongoing efforts to combat the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of health care workers in Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their service and sacrifices and appreciation for the differences they have made in the lives of thousands of Virginians.

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