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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 558

Encouraging Virginia's private sector to continue its support of efforts by the Virginia Health Care Foundation to enhance access to primary and preventive health care for Virginia's uninsured citizens.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 1995
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1995

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Joint Commission on Health Care initiated the Virginia Health Care Foundation in June 1992 to promote and support local public/private partnerships that extend primary and preventive health care services to Virginia's one million uninsured citizens; and

WHEREAS, 44 innovative projects involving volunteer, business, and community efforts are currently being funded, including a mobile health clinic, a pharmacy access program, two school-based primary care clinics, several primary care practice sites for family physicians and nurse practitioners, two teen health centers, and an immunization initiative; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Health Care Foundation projects must evidence innovative service delivery models that respond to acknowledged community needs, seasoned local management and leadership, written pledges of cash and in-kind contributions of at least 25 percent, a plan to sustain funding after Foundation grants are depleted, and an evaluation process tailored to desired project impact; and

WHEREAS, while the Virginia Health Care Foundation has granted \$3.7 million statewide, it has attracted \$5.3 million in cash and \$8 million in in-kind contributions at the state and local levels, resulting in a leverage of three dollars and fifty cents in health services for each dollar contributed; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 the Foundation's projects provided primary health care to nearly 30,000 uninsured and underserved Virginians throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation provides a cost-effective approach to providing primary care, with administrative costs at only six percent of total expenditures; and

WHEREAS, leadership in cash gifts to the Virginia Health Care Foundation at the state level has been provided by Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Virginia Hospital Association, the Theresa A. Thomas Foundation, INOVA Health System, Johnston Memorial Hospital, First Virginia Banks, Jefferson National Bank, Abbott Laboratories, Virginia Power, the American Tobacco Company, and Kol Bio-Medical Instruments, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, leadership in in-kind gifts to the Foundation at the state level has been provided by Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield, KPMG Peat Marwick, Cadmus Communications Corporation, McGuire, Woods, Battle & Booth, and the Intergovernmental Health Policy Project of George Washington University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend these fine corporate partners for supporting the efforts of the Virginia Health Care Foundation to enhance access to primary and preventive health care for Virginia's uninsured and underserved citizens; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly encourage Virginia's other corporate citizens to contribute their various talents and resources to the efforts of the Virginia Health Care Foundation.

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