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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 424

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Commending Joseph T. DiPiro, Pharm.D.

Patrons—Hodges, Bourne, Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Edmunds, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, Morefield, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds, Wachsmann and Ware; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Howell, Normont and Spruill

WHEREAS, Joseph T. DiPiro, Pharm.D., the current associate vice president for health sciences, faculty affairs, in the office of the senior vice president for health sciences, will step down as dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy after eight years of exemplary service as dean and almost 40 years as an accomplished pharmacist and professor of pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro received his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut, doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky, and completed his fellowship in clinical immunology from Johns Hopkins University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro is a licensed pharmacist and leader in pharmacy faculty and university administration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro has been recognized as a national and international expert, lecturer, presenter, and speaker in pharmacy, pharmacotherapy, pharmaceutical education, and pharmacokinetics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro has published over 250 journal papers, books, book chapters, and editorials in academic and professional journals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro has advised national and state organizations and agencies, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Institutions, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro has served as president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, chair of the Council of Deans, and president of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, where he is a fellow; he also served on the Research Institute Board of Trustees and was elected a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro has received multiple national and state awards and honors in recognition of his leadership in and contribution to the pharmacy profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiPiro steadily progressed in his career in pharmacy faculty leadership and in 2014 was appointed dean, professor, and Archie O. McCalley chair at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Pharmacy, which has consistently been ranked among the top pharmacy schools in the nation under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. DiPiro's tenure, the VCU School of Pharmacy's accomplishments include tallying record highs for NIH funding and private giving, winning the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award, and launching a doctoral program in pharmaceutical engineering with the VCU College of Engineering, the first such program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. DiPiro's leadership, the VCU School of Pharmacy also exceeded its \$12 million fundraising goal for the university's Make It Real campaign, doubled the percentage of underrepresented minority students in Pharm.D. courses, and was twice named VCU's top academic division for diversity and inclusive culture; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Dr. DiPiro was appointed VCU associate vice president for health sciences, faculty affairs, and in that capacity is responsible for review and oversight of faculty matters in the five health sciences schools reporting to the senior vice president; and

WHEREAS, an active leader, extraordinary expert, and respected teacher, Dr. DiPiro has supported the evolution of undergraduate and graduate health professional education and positioned the VCU Medical Center as a preeminent academic health center ensuring care for the underserved and serving the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Joseph T. DiPiro, Pharm.D., on his eight years of outstanding leadership as the dean of the School of Pharmacy of Virginia Commonwealth University and on his service as associate vice president for health sciences, faculty affairs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joseph T. DiPiro, Pharm.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many achievements and best wishes in all his future endeavors.