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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 165

Offered February 28, 2022

*Commending the University of Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Center.*Patrons—Deeds and Hanger

WHEREAS, the University of Virginia Cancer Center was awarded Comprehensive Cancer Center status by the National Cancer Institute effective February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the University of Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Center (UVA Cancer Center) is to reduce the burden of cancer for the patients of today through skilled, integrated, and compassionate care and to eliminate the threat of cancer for the patients of tomorrow through research and education in an environment that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, UVA Cancer Center comprises 162 members from 25 departments amongst four UVA schools: Medicine, Nursing, Engineering, and the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, UVA Cancer Center serves 3.2 million residents from a large catchment area that includes 87 counties throughout Northern, Central, Southside, and Southwest Virginia, as well as eastern West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, UVA Cancer Center's history of conducting nationally and internationally recognized research, as well as providing highly specialized patient care that spans the Commonwealth and beyond has led to recognition as a designated cancer center by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for the past 34 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 34 years of existence, UVA Cancer Center has continued to grow in excellence, providing clinical care, education, research, and community engagement relating to cancer; and

WHEREAS, UVA Cancer Center has excelled nationally in basic cancer biology research, innovated in cancer nanomedicine, pioneered immunotherapy treatments, and translated novel ideas from the laboratory to the patient; and

WHEREAS, after demonstrating its achievements across the full spectrum of research, training, and outreach, the UVA Cancer Center was recently awarded NCI's highest designation, Comprehensive Cancer Center, becoming one of only 52 such centers in the country and the first in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Cancer Center status will grant patients of UVA Cancer Center better access to innovative clinical research and the latest treatment options, and will enable UVA Cancer Center to achieve its goal that no Virginia resident should ever have to leave the Commonwealth to receive the highest-quality cancer care and the treatment options they need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the University of Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Center for receiving Comprehensive Cancer Center status; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the University of Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Center's contributions to cancer research and treatment of cancer patients within the Commonwealth.

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