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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 675

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending John Garrett, M.D., FACS.

Patrons—Favola, Aird, Bagby, Boysko, Carroll Foy, Ebbin, Hashmi, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, McPike, Pekarsky, Perry, Rouse, Salim, Srinivasan, Stuart, Suetterlein, Surovell, VanValkenburg and Williams Graves

WHEREAS, John Garrett, M.D., FACS, a leader in cardiac, thoracic, and vascular surgery who touched countless lives in Arlington County over the course of his distinguished career, announced his retirement in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Garrett established his practice at VHC Health, then known as Arlington Hospital, in 1989, laying the foundation for a surgical program that has changed lives throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. John Garrett was joined by John Rhee, M.D., FACS, with whom he worked to build a legacy of excellence, innovation, and compassion while setting new standards in advanced cardiovascular care; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. John Garrett and Dr. John Rhee, the VHC Health Heart and Vascular Program has achieved national recognition, introduced cutting-edge procedures that redefined patient care, and set a standard of clinical excellence that will endure for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the VHC Health Heart and Vascular Program has pioneered groundbreaking advancements in the field, from minimally invasive cardiac and thoracic surgery to structural heart innovations, all thanks in large part to Dr. John Garrett's expertise and dedication; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Dr. John Garrett looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Mary, and his beloved family as well as seeking new opportunities to serve his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That John Garrett, M.D., FACS, hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement in 2025; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Garrett, M.D., FACS, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the medical field and commitment to excellence in patient care.

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