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**Joint Board Matter with Supervisors Gross and Walkinshaw
Recognizing Dr. Laurence J. Murphy for His Contributions to our
Community and to Inova Children's Hospital**

Members of the Board,

Inova's award winning Children's Hospital recently announced it was changing its name to honor a local pediatrician who has made a very generous donation to the hospital as he prepares to retire. Dr. Laurence J. Murphy has spent more than four decades caring for youngsters in Fairfax County. His practice with Dr. Stacey Staats in Burke is located just down the street from Supervisor Walkinshaw's office. As he nears retirement, Dr. Murphy said he and his wife, Candace, began to think of the legacy they wished to leave for their three daughters and the community he has cared for his entire career.

"Inova has been a part of our family for more than 45 years," he said. "I've spent many days and nights caring for my patients at Inova. My children were born at Inova Fairfax Hospital, and my wife and I have received superb healthcare there over the years. We are thrilled to be able to give back to my colleagues and the community in such a meaningful way."

Dr. Steve Narang, President of the Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, who is a pediatrician himself and the interim president of the Inova Pediatric Service Line, described Dr. Murphy's gift as transformational, saying it will "elevate, differentiate, and multiply" the care and services for Fairfax County's next generation of children.

Inova President & CEO Dr. J. Stephen Jones said the generosity of Dr. Murphy and his family “will enable Inova to continue to provide our smallest patients with the highest quality specialized care.” Dr. Jones said the donation will be used to recruit and retain talent, expand Inova’s research capabilities, and grow its award-winning Child Life program.

During his career, Dr. Murphy has watched Inova grow from a two-building hospital to the nationally recognized regional medical center we know today. Its iconic pediatric tower will now be known as the Inova L.J. Murphy Children’s Hospital. It is Northern Virginia’s only dedicated children’s hospital with more than 40 pediatric subspecialties, including one of the area’s largest pediatric cardiology programs. It is home to the region’s only Pediatric Level I Trauma Center, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. In fact, the L.J. Murphy Children’s Hospital just received another national accolade in being named one of the Best Children’s Hospitals for Neonatology by U.S. News & World Report.

Therefore, we move without objection that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation to recognize and commend Dr. Murphy on his many contributions to our community and express our appreciation for the legacy that will carry on in his name, to be presented outside the Board room.