

**Virginia General Assembly Commendation —
House Joint Resolution No. 924**

Commending the Critical Incident Analysis Group
of the University of Virginia School of Medicine

February 18, 2003

WHEREAS, since 1998, the Critical Incident Analysis Group of the University of Virginia School of Medicine has brought together talented people from many disciplines to analyze the impact of terrorism on American society; and

WHEREAS, transferred from Michigan State University to the University of Virginia School of Medicine, the Critical Incident Analysis Group includes talented, experienced, and dedicated individuals from the fields of law, medicine, criminal justice, the military, and the media, along with state and local policymakers; and

WHEREAS, the Critical Incident Analysis Group hosts a major annual conference each spring for approximately 40 individuals to study critical events, discover their lessons, and develop means for dealing effectively with future events; and

WHEREAS, from the Spring 2002 meeting came the concept of "Shielding," developed by the Critical Incident Analysis Group and since presented to officials at the state, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, Shielding involves a local response to terrorism in our communities, specifically a bio-terrorist attack, with the support of the state and federal governments and with the goal of surviving and managing terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Shielding has drawn the interest of the Governor's Office, the Office for Commonwealth Preparedness, and the Virginia Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Shielding has also been presented to the office of the Vice President of the United States, the Office of Homeland Security, the Centers for Disease Control, the United Nations, and the United States Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Dr. Greg Saathoff, the Critical Incident Analysis Group continues its vitally important efforts to protect America's communities from terrorist attacks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Critical Incident Analysis Group of the University of Virginia School of Medicine; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Greg Saathoff as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and support for the work of the Critical Incident Analysis Group.