

2004 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

Commending Melvin C. Snodgrass.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 16, 2004

Agreed to by the Senate, January 22, 2004

WHEREAS, Melvin C. Snodgrass, a native of the Washington County community of Hayter's Gap, has for many years worked to improve the lives of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a farmer, blacksmith, woodworker, and magistrate, Melvin Snodgrass was one of three members of the Hayter's Gap community who founded the Hayter's Gap Community Center in 1963; and

WHEREAS, renamed the Progressive Community Club in 1965, the organization initiated programs to assist needy members of the community including the Neighborhood Youth Corps, a carpentry and welding shop, sewing classes, and home counselors; and

WHEREAS, the organization, now called People, Inc., expanded its programs with help from a federal grant to include all of Washington County, and throughout this growth, Melvin Snodgrass remained an active member, serving for many years as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Snodgrass was instrumental in the establishment of a fire department and rescue squad in Hayter's Gap, working to secure citizen and government support, equipment, land, and a building; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Hayter's Gap Elementary School closed and Melvin Snodgrass led the effort to convert the school into a community center, where he continues to serve on the board and as center coordinator; and

WHEREAS, throughout his adult life, Melvin Snodgrass has demonstrated remarkable generosity, devotion, and affection for his friends and neighbors in Hayter's Gap and Washington County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Melvin C. Snodgrass for his lifetime of community service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Melvin C. Snodgrass as an expression of the admiration, respect, and gratitude of the General Assembly.

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