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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

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Commending Danny Wadsworth.

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WHEREAS, Danny Wadsworth has dedicated himself to local radio broadcasting in eastern Virginia for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Smithfield, North Carolina, Danny Wadsworth got his start in radio broadcasting in Selma, North Carolina, in the late 1960s, and after graduating from high school, he moved to Virginia and worked briefly at a station in Chatham; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 Danny Wadsworth was hired by a new station in Tappahannock, WRAR-AM, and a year later the station's owner promoted him to general manager; and

WHEREAS, working at a small-market radio station, Danny Wadsworth had many responsibilities, including on-air broadcasting, production, writing commercials, and advertising sales, and eventually he became a part-owner of the station; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 Danny Wadsworth's brother Linwood joined WRAR and the brothers worked together for many years, overseeing the growth of the station and the addition of an FM signal; in 1993 Linwood Wadsworth left and purchased WNNT AM-FM in Warsaw, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Hurricane Isabel crippled much of eastern Virginia, and Danny Wadsworth made sure the radio station remained on the air to disseminate vital information about hurricane damages, recovery efforts, and sources of assistance; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its heroic effort to remain on the air and serve the community during the natural disaster, WRAR was honored in 2004 by the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation with the Friend in Need award; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 after 34 years on the air, Danny Wadsworth decided to slow down a bit and limit his day-to-day involvement with the station, and in 2006 he sold WRAR to four employees that will continue the station's tradition of providing reliable information and entertainment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Danny Wadsworth hereby be commended for his years of outstanding service as a radio broadcaster and station owner; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Danny Wadsworth as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his dedication to the citizens of Tappahannock and the surrounding area.

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