## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 570

Offered March 3, 2008

Commending ABC 13 WSET.

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Patrons—Valentine, Abbitt, Byron, Cline and Putney; Senator: Hurt and Newman

WHEREAS, ABC 13 WSET is a television broadcasting station operating in Central Virginia, with facilities located in Lynchburg, Danville and Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, ABC 13 WSET continuously monitors the problems, needs, interests, and issues of the communities it serves and develops programming to address these concerns, often looking beyond Central Virginia to address challenges worldwide; and

WHEREAS, ABC 13 WSET enjoys taking the opportunity to teach individuals about how television has changed the way people receive information and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 ABC 13 WSET joined with Gleaning for the World, a nonprofit organization that provides life-saving support to areas around the world in critical need, to establish the "Heart of Virginia Lifeline" and help thousands affected by the 2004 tsunami and the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes; the station was honored for its efforts by receiving the national "Service to America Friend in Need" award from the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, ABC 13 WSET was awarded the prestigious 2007 Laurence E. Richardson Community Service Award given for dedication to service, commitment to citizens, and betterment of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend ABC 13 WSET for its dedication to increasing awareness of issues that are important to local communities, community service involvement, and the ongoing success in encouraging citizens to work collectively toward effective solutions that make a difference for neighbors both near and far; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to ABC 13 WSET as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude and appreciation for the community service efforts of the entire ABC 13 WSET team.