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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

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Commending Ward R. Scull III.

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WHEREAS, Ward R. Scull III of Newport News is commended for being named the 2008 Daily Press Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Daily Press Citizen of the Year Award honors Hampton Roads area residents who exemplify the qualities of citizenship: commitment to a worthy cause, dedication and effectiveness in that cause, and personal effort to make the community better or improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Ward Scull received a bachelor's degree from Duke University and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, a strong leader and man of integrity, Ward Scull is the President of Virginia Transfer & Storage, a family-owned business started in 1895 to provide unloading and inland transport to ships coming into Newport News; and

WHEREAS, Ward Scull received the Daily Press Citizen of the Year Award based on his involvement and advocacy against payday loans as cofounder of Virginians Against Payday Loans; and

WHEREAS, Ward Scull's interest in payday loans began when he learned about an employee's experience with payday loans; and

WHEREAS, Ward Scull demonstrated great initiative and dedication as he worked diligently to understand how payday lending works and to learn how to be an effective citizen advocate; and

WHEREAS, Ward Scull gave generously of his time and talents as he learned to advocate effectively and work with other interested parties to refine a mission and message regarding payday lending; and

WHEREAS, Ward Scull's interest in how payday lending affected one of his employees led him to cofound an organization that influenced payday lending legislation in Virginia; his compassion for others and his willingness to be involved in the community serve as a model of true citizenship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Ward R. Scull III hereby be commended for his recognition as the 2008 Daily Press Citizen of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ward R. Scull III as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his hard work and involvement in the community.

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