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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 465

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*Commending Bruce M. Farrell.*

Patrons—Smith and Edwards; Delegate: Putney

WHEREAS, Bruce M. Farrell, of Berglund Chevrolet Pontiac Buick in Roanoke, is the 2009 *Time* Magazine Quality Automobile Dealer of the Year Nominee for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Farrell's career in the auto industry has spanned over 45 years and has culminated with his becoming the owner of dealerships in the Roanoke Valley representing several franchises; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his community, Bruce Farrell has served on a wide array of local boards, commissions, and committees for many years; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Farrell served his country in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Farrell has been a leader in his community, including his longtime support for the United Way as a Gold Award Winner since 1994, the Roanoke Business Council, and the Red Cross, having served many years on the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his industry, Bruce Farrell has served his customers and his community with a generous spirit, setting an example to dealers in his community and around the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Farrell has earned the General Motors Mark of Excellence and has served on the Chevrolet National Dealer Council; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Farrell, who began his career in the auto industry in the service department, recognized the opportunity that exists for young people in the auto industry and became a great champion of the Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES), which provides high school students with automotive technology training to give them a head start in the auto industry; he was the driving force behind the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association's implementation of the program in Virginia and his efforts made the Virginia program the most successful AYES program in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Farrell served his industry as an active member of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, including as a member of the board of directors for many years; he also served as a past president of the Roanoke Valley Automobile Dealer Association and was appointed to the Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, where he served as chairman of the Advertising and Licensing Committees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Bruce M. Farrell on his selection as the 2009 *Time* Magazine Quality Dealer of the Year Nominee for Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bruce M. Farrell as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes.

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