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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 716**

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Commending Camden Dellinger.

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WHEREAS, Camden Dellinger of Grottoes, an outstanding member of Boy Scout Troop 28, is commended for using his Boy Scout training to help save his father's life; and WHEREAS, on July 31, 2011, Camden Dellinger and his family returned from church, and Camden's

father began work to replace an axle on the family car; and

WHEREAS, Camden Dellinger and his family heard a loud crash from the garage and discovered to their horror that Michael Dellinger was pinned under the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, a quick-thinking young man, Camden Dellinger drew upon his training as a Boy Scout, remaining calm, dialing 911, and ascertaining that his father was still breathing; and

WHEREAS, Camden Dellinger and his mother, Kimberly, then attempted to move the heavy vehicle off of Michael Dellinger; and

WHEREAS, Camden Dellinger and his mother were able to finally lift the vehicle so that Michael Dellinger could crawl out, but Kimberly Dellinger fractured a vertebra in the attempt; and

WHEREAS, Camden Dellinger then provided basic first aid to both of his parents, keeping them from moving further and helping keep them calm while awaiting paramedics; and

WHEREAS, both of his parents made full recoveries, and for his heroic actions, Camden Dellinger received the national Heroism Award from the Boy Scouts of America at a special ceremony at Massanutten Presbyterian Church, where his troop meets; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious award, given to only 3,400 individuals since its inception in 1923, recognizes those who demonstrate heroism and skill in saving a life; and

WHEREAS, Camden Dellinger's brave actions reflected the Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" when he was faced with a crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Camden Dellinger for his heroic efforts to save his father on July 31, 2011; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Camden Dellinger as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his quick thinking, calm manner, and decisive action in an emergency.