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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 253

Offered February 3, 2014

Commending William Ray Teaford.

Patron—Austin

WHEREAS, William Ray Teaford of Fincastle, an employee of Roanoke Cement Company LLC, has been named Electrician of the Year by Klein Tools, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, this national recognition was awarded to William "Billy" Teaford because of his ability to motivate people, commitment to electrical safety, professionalism, pursuit of excellence, and charitable work; and

WHEREAS, Billy Teaford has worked for Roanoke Cement Company for 40 years; the sprawling factory, which operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, produces all the cement used in the Commonwealth and in North Carolina and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Billy Teaford is the plant electrician and is responsible for electrical repairs and troubleshooting, motor maintenance, high-voltage wiring, plant controls systems, installation and start-up procedures for machinery, coordination with plant personnel, and mentoring and training new employees; and

WHEREAS, employees at the factory, which is nestled in the mountains in Botetourt County, appreciate Billy Teaford's enthusiasm and his attention to detail and safety, his careful tutelage about equipment and procedures, and his willingness to help at any time of the day or night; and

WHEREAS, Billy Teaford has never had a lost-time accident at the factory, and he has used the same lock-out safety tag—a critical safety mechanism for disabling and shutting off dangerous equipment while it is undergoing maintenance or repair—for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Billy Teaford has been involved with many charitable endeavors; he helped start a Relay for Life team at the factory that raises money for the American Cancer Society; he also organizes the Fincastle Baptist Church Car Show, which supports the church's youth group; and

WHEREAS, for the past 11 years, Billy Teaford has worked with companies and nonprofit organizations to help ensure that every child in the area who asks for a bicycle for Christmas receives one; each holiday, more than 500 bikes are delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William Ray Teaford, an electrician at Roanoke Cement Company LLC, for being named Electrician of the Year by Klein Tools, Inc.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William Ray Teaford, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his commitment to safety, ability to motivate fellow employees, attention to detail, and charitable activities.

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