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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 404

Offered February 28, 2014

*Commending Terry A. Pettit.*

Patron—Gilbert

WHEREAS, Terry A. Pettit, a dedicated public servant, has admirably served the people of the Town of Stanley in Page County for more than 40 years as a member of both the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department and the Stanley Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, for the last 33 years, Terry Pettit has been chief of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department; he also is the town manager for Stanley, serving his fellow citizens in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, Terry Pettit joined the two first-responder organizations in 1973; his father had become a member of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department a year earlier, and his mother served on the rescue squad, and he has been an active member of both organizations since then; and

WHEREAS, Terry Pettit has responded to more than 15,000 calls since he became an emergency responder; the work can be exhausting, tragic, and exhilarating—he has helped deliver 11 babies, and has been on duty for 24 hours straight when fighting forest fires, only catching a quick nap in the cab of his pickup truck; and

WHEREAS, despite the emotional toll, Terry Pettit has never given up; he always is ready to respond to the next request for help, and for this extraordinary commitment, he received a 2013 Governor's Volunteerism Award for his 40 years of work with the rescue squad; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Terry A. Pettit, a dedicated public servant, who has admirably served the people of the Town of Stanley as a member of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department and the Stanley Volunteer Rescue Squad for more than 40 years, and as Stanley town manager; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Terry A. Pettit as an expression of the General Assembly's great respect and admiration for his life of public service to the people of the Town of Stanley and to the Commonwealth.

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