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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 422

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Law Enforcement United.*

Patrons—DeSteph, Byron, Campbell, Cole, Cox, Davis, Fariss, Garrett, Greason, Hugo, Jones, Kilgore, Knight, Landes, LaRock, Lingamfelter, Loupassi, Marshall, R.G., Massie, Miller, Minchew, Morefield, O'Quinn, Pogge, Ramadan, Robinson, Stolle, Taylor, Villanueva, Webert, Wilt, Wright, Yancey and Yost; Senators: McWaters and Wagner

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement United, a nonprofit corporation honoring the sacrifice of and supporting the families of fallen law-enforcement officers, celebrates five years of service in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, 105 law-enforcement officers throughout the United States made the ultimate sacrifice while fulfilling their noble duties to protect and serve; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement United, which was founded in 2009, comprises more than 600 officers from federal, state, and local agencies in 26 states working together to honor their fallen comrades and support surviving family members; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement United supports the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) program, which provides comfort and camaraderie to survivors of fallen law-enforcement officers and offers summer camps and scholarships for children; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement United also donates to the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP), which, along with C.O.P.S., helps provide protective equipment and training in an effort to prevent officer deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS, each year, Law Enforcement United participates in the Road to Hope bicycle ride from Chesapeake to Washington, D.C., and at the conclusion of the ride, the organization presents donations to C.O.P.S. and ODMP; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Law Enforcement United presented C.O.P.S. and ODMP with \$230,000, and the organization has raised over \$1,000,000 since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement United owes much of its success to the hard work of many devoted volunteers, generous donations from individuals, organizations, and businesses, and the enthusiastic support of communities throughout the country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Law Enforcement United on the occasion of its fifth anniversary in 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Law Enforcement United as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to supporting those who serve and protect the citizens of the Commonwealth and the nation.

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