HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5244

Commending Olivia Gillett.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, November 10, 2014

WHEREAS, Olivia Gillett of Walkerton in King and Queen County courageously risked her personal safety to save the life of a fellow community member on July 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a nursing student at Virginia Commonwealth University with previous experience as a lifeguard, Olivia Gillett moved to Walkerton in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2014, Olivia Gillett was spending time with friends near the Walkerton Boat Landing when she noticed two individuals in distress in the Mattaponi River; and

WHEREAS, reacting without hesitation and with no concern for her own well-being, Olivia Gillett dove into the water and pulled one individual to safety on the shore; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her actions, Olivia Gillett received the area's first Life Save Award from the Walkerton Community Fire Association at the Walkerton Day celebration on August 2, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Olivia Gillett for her heroic actions on July 4, 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Olivia Gillett as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her quick thinking and selflessness in saving the life of a fellow member of the Walkerton community.