

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 295

Commending Dennis Ellmer.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2016
Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2016

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer, founder of the Priority Automotive Group in Chesapeake, was named the 2016 *TIME* Magazine Quality Automobile Dealer of the Year Nominee for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer, whose career in the auto industry has spanned more than 40 years, got his start in the auto industry at Colonial Chevrolet and learned the business from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer founded Priority Automotive Group in 1998 with two dealerships and has grown his business to include nine new car franchises with locations around Virginia, employing more than 2,500 people and making Priority Automotive Group one of the 50 largest dealership groups nationwide; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his community, Dennis Ellmer has supported a wide array of industry and community causes for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer supports the Priority Charity Bowl, which raises funds for children's charities in Hampton Roads, including the Joy Fund, Camp Grom, Edmarc Hospice for Children, the Boys & Girls Club, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, and Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer is a longtime supporter of the Virginia Beach SPCA and the Chesapeake Animal Shelter through annual donations to encourage pet adoptions for the holidays; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer is committed to promoting opportunities for students in the community through scholarships provided by Priority Automotive Group to Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer served as a member of the Toyota Regional Dealer Council, including two terms as president, and Priority Toyota has been awarded the President's Award by Toyota for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Ellmer has served his industry as an active member of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association and the Hampton Roads Automobile Dealers Association, including as a member of the board of directors for both organizations; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his industry, Dennis Ellmer has served his customers and the community with a generous spirit and has been an example to dealers in the region and around the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dennis Ellmer on his selection as the 2016 *TIME* Magazine Quality Automobile Dealer of the Year nominee for Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dennis Ellmer as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes.

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