## **2017 SESSION**

## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 759**

Commending Jimmy Davidson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, Jimmy Davidson, Chief of the Saltville Volunteer Fire Department, received the Medal of Valor from the Town of Saltville for his heroic actions to save the life of an infant in 2016; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2016, Jimmy Davidson and other firefighters and emergency personnel were responding to a report of a dog kennel on fire; when crews arrived, the fire had begun to spread to a nearby house; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Davidson was alerted that a 1-month-old child was unaccounted for and, disregarding his own safety, rushed into the house to search for the child without his protective equipment, which had not yet arrived at the scene; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Davidson entered the home and discovered the child in a swing in the front room; struggling through thick smoke, he rescued the child, who was responsive and not critically injured; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Davidson is an exemplar of the professionalism, selflessness, and dedication demonstrated by all firefighters in the Commonwealth as they strive to safeguard the lives and property of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Davidson received the Medal of Valor at a special presentation during a Town Council meeting on May 17, 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jimmy Davidson on receiving the Medal of Valor for his heroic, life-saving actions; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jimmy Davidson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service to the residents of Saltville and the Commonwealth. HJ759ER