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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 956**

Offered February 14, 2017

*Commending Brandon Eric Guyer.*

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WHEREAS, Brandon Eric Guyer, a Major League Baseball outfielder for the Cleveland Indians who got his start playing on the sports fields of Herndon, is a member of the team that won the 2016 American League Championship; and

WHEREAS, in his youth, Brandon Guyer played on the Reston American Little League baseball team that was two games shy of making it to the Little League World Series; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Guyer is a 2004 graduate of Herndon High School, where he was a standout player on the baseball and football teams; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Guyer was a star running back for the Herndon High School Hornets football team; he rushed for over 1,000 yards his junior and senior years, and he holds the school's record for the most touchdowns (seven) in a single game; and

WHEREAS, as a high school senior, Brandon Guyer had a .483 batting average on the baseball team; he holds the Herndon High School record for career home runs (13) and single-season home runs (eight); and

WHEREAS, Brandon Guyer's leadership on the baseball and football teams at Herndon High School propelled the school to district and regional titles during his time there; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Guyer played baseball for the University of Virginia and was drafted in 2007 by the Chicago Cubs; he worked his way through the minor leagues before earning a spot on a major league roster; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Guyer spent the majority of his professional career with the Tampa Bay Rays; he was traded to the Cleveland Indians in August 2016, and in January 2017 he signed a two-year, \$5 million contract with the team; and

WHEREAS, as a left fielder for the Cleveland Indians, Brandon Guyer had a batting average of .333 and a slugging percentage of .469; he had several memorable plays in the outfield that helped the team win the Central Division championship and American League pennant; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Guyer is known for playing hard all the time, and, in 2015, he led the American League in being hit by the most pitches, earning him the nickname 'La Piñata'; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Guyer is proud of his Virginia roots and as a major league player he has continued to give back to the Northern Virginia community by working at local baseball camps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brandon Eric Guyer, an outfielder for the Cleveland Indians, on being a member of the 2016 American League Championship team; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brandon Eric Guyer as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his illustrious Major League Baseball career and for making the Commonwealth's citizens proud.

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