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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 272

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Commending Miles Williams.

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WHEREAS, Miles Williams, a sophomore at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, received the Virginia Beach Lifesaver Award on September 1, 2016, for his heroic actions to single-handedly rescue two men in distress near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Lifesaver Award was created in 1967 to honor individuals who had gone above and beyond to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, in July 2016, Miles Williams was skimboarding at Chic's Beach when he saw two men struggling in the water near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel; the men had been caught in a rip current and were in severe distress; and

WHEREAS, Miles Williams, who swims competitively with Tide Swimming in Virginia Beach, reacted without hesitation and rushed to assist the two men, pulling them one by one back to shore; both men were unharmed thanks to Miles Williams' quick and courageous actions; and

WHEREAS, Miles Williams also serves the community as a volunteer with a Special Olympics paddle boarding group, and he hopes to put his swimming skills to use as a lifeguard in the future; and

WHEREAS, Miles Williams received the Virginia Beach Lifesaver Award at a special ceremony at Princess Anne High School, prior to the football team's home opener; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Miles Williams hereby be commended on receiving the Virginia Beach Lifesaver Award for rescuing two men in the Chesapeake Bay; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Miles Williams as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his selfless, life-saving actions.

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