HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 145

Commending Ray's Auto Body.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 26, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, February 1, 2018

WHEREAS, in 2018, Ray's Auto Body of Vienna will celebrate its 55th anniversary of providing outstanding car repair and customer service to the local community; and

WHEREAS, Ray's Auto Body was founded in 1963 by Ray Arndt, a veteran auto mechanic who prized fairness to his customers and led his employees with the motto "do it right or do it over"; and

WHEREAS, starting in a small, three-bay building, Ray's Auto Body grew steadily over the years thanks to repeat business from loyal customers; in 2000, it moved to its current shop; and

WHEREAS, following Ray Arndt's death in 2012, his wife, Joyce Arndt, took over as owner and operator of Ray's Auto Body; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing first-rate collision repair services, Ray's Auto Body is a strong supporter of its local community; since 1963, the business has been a sponsor of Vienna Little League baseball; and

WHEREAS, Ray's Auto Body is also a member of the Washington Metropolitan Auto Body Association and the Vienna Business Association, and supports the charity Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue; and

WHEREAS, during its many years in operation, Ray's Auto Body has become a Vienna institution known for its friendly staff, personalized service, and expert repair work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ray's Auto Body on its years of service to the residents of Vienna on the occasion of its 55th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ray's Auto Body as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its achievements and best wishes for continued success in the future.