

## 2018 SESSION

INTRODUCED

18107378D

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

Offered February 26, 2018

*Commending Cody Keen.*

Patron—Habeeb

WHEREAS, Cody Keen, a talented and dedicated law-enforcement professional who serves with the Salem Police Department, was named the 2017 Salem Police Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richlands, Cody Keen earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and intercultural studies from Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri; he joined the Salem Police Department in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, despite being a relative newcomer to the Salem Police Department, 25-year-old Cody Keen has already won the respect of his fellow officers for his intelligence, integrity, and passion for helping others; and

WHEREAS, Cody Keen's quick thinking was on display in July 2017, when, driving while off-duty, he encountered a car filled with smoke; Keen approached the vehicle, and upon noticing a woman trapped inside, he used a car jack to break open a window and rescue her; she was later connected to an earlier DUI accident and placed under arrest; and

WHEREAS, in another incident on October 31, 2017, Cody Keen responded to an alarm call at a pharmacy in Salem; after driving to the rear of the store, he confronted and then helped apprehend a man who had stolen a large amount of prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Cody Keen was selected as the Salem Police Officer of the Year following a vote by his fellow officers; Salem Police Chief Mike Crawley called Keen a deserving choice for the award and described him as a positive influence and exemplary representative of the department; and

WHEREAS, Cody Keen will be formally honored as the Salem Police Officer of the Year at the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner and gala on March 23, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cody Keen hereby be commended on being selected as the 2017 Salem Police Officer of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cody Keen as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his commitment to serving and protecting the residents of Salem.

INTRODUCED

HR109