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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97**

Offered February 22, 2018

Commending Dwayne Yancey.

Patrons—Austin, Pillion, Campbell, Habeeb, Head, Hurst, Kilgore, Morefield, O'Quinn, Poindexter, Rasoul and Rush

WHEREAS, Dwayne Yancey, a talented and respected journalist who has worked with *The Roanoke Times* for over 30 years, was selected as a 2018 inductee into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, overseen by Virginia Commonwealth University's Robertson School of Media and Culture, the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame recognizes journalists and other communications specialists for outstanding careers in media; Dwayne Yancey is one of seven inductees for 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Yancey attended James Madison University and graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Dwayne Yancey joined the staff of *The Roanoke Times*; he later served as a political reporter and assistant managing editor with the paper before being named editorial page editor in 2015; and

WHEREAS, known for his insightful and witty writing style, Dwayne Yancey has won widespread praise for his editorial work with *The Roanoke Times*; in 2017, he received an honorable mention for the prestigious Carmage Walls Commentary Prize; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with *The Roanoke Times*, Dwayne Yancey is the author of a 1988 book about former Governor L. Douglas Wilder entitled *When Hell Froze Over*; he is also an accomplished playwright whose work has been performed by schools and theater organizations around the globe; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and illustrious career, Dwayne Yancey has maintained the highest standards of journalistic integrity and has entertained and informed countless readers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Dwayne Yancey hereby be commended on his 2018 induction into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dwayne Yancey as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his commitment to providing outstanding journalism to the residents of the Commonwealth.