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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 851

Offered February 7, 2019

*Commending David Boyer.*

Patrons—Campbell, J.L.; Senator: Carrico

WHEREAS, David Boyer, a resident of Wytheville and an experienced professional truck driver with more than 47 years of experience delivering life's essentials throughout Virginia and North America as an employee of ABF Freight, was named the 2018 National Driver of the Year by the American Trucking Associations; and

WHEREAS, David Boyer has driven more than five million miles in his truck-driving career and averages more than 150,000 miles of driving per year; and

WHEREAS, over the past 38 years, David Boyer has accumulated 2.8 million miles of safe driving without a preventable or non-preventable accident; and

WHEREAS, David Boyer serves Southwest Virginia by hosting multi-week driving safety tours at high schools across the region each year, demonstrating commercial vehicle blind spots, stopping distances, and the dangers of distracted driving to Virginia's young drivers; and

WHEREAS, David Boyer has touched the lives of more than 50,000 high school students in seven different states by putting them behind the wheel of a truck to educate them about sharing the road with large vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, David Boyer was named a member of the elite group of national professional truck driver ambassadors known as America's Road Team; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth recognized David Boyer as the recipient of the 2016 Governor's Transportation Safety Award for Motor Carrier Safety, and the Virginia Trucking Association named him the 2018 Virginia Truck Driver of the Year; and

WHEREAS, David Boyer represented the Commonwealth and the American Trucking Associations at a visit to the White House, where he was formally recognized for his accomplishments as a safe professional by the Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao in a meeting with President Donald J. Trump in the Oval Office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Boyer on being named the 2018 National Driver of the Year by the American Trucking Associations; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Boyer as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements as a dedicated leader in his community, an advocate for safety, an experienced truck driver, and a role model for the industry's 3.5 million professional truck drivers.

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