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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 468

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Marvin McDowell.

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26 27 Patrons—Marshall and Adams, L.R.; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Marvin McDowell, a humble servant and treasured member of the Pittsylvania County community, was named Citizen of the Year by the Dan River Ruritan Club in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Marvin "Mac" McDowell was presented the prestigious honor at the Dan River Ruritan Club's Christmas banquet on December 2, 2019, by the organization's vice president, Mike Neal; and

WHEREAS, Mac McDowell earned this recognition for his tireless efforts on behalf of residents of the Ringgold community and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Mac McDowell is famous in his community for his delicious stews, which are the foundation of many fundraising activities in the area, including fundraisers for the Lakewood Community Church in Ringgold, the Westover Christian Academy in Danville, and the Ringgold Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, which he serves as an active support member; and

WHEREAS, Mac McDowell is the consummate good neighbor, helping members of his community soldier through winter by clearing driveways in the snow and delivering firewood; and

WHEREAS, guided through life by his deep and abiding faith, Mac McDowell is a devout member of the Ringgold Baptist Church, where he serves as deacon and enjoys worship and fellowship with his community; and

WHEREAS, by generously giving of his time and talents without expecting anything in return, Mac McDowell embodies the community spirit that makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marvin McDowell for the honor of being named the Dan River Ruritan Club's 2019 Citizen 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 Marvin McDowell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his steadfast dedication to serving others and his many contributions to the Commonwealth.