

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Commending Joseph Dashiell.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Joseph Dashiell, distinguished senior reporter at WDBJ7 in Roanoke, celebrates his 40th anniversary with the news station in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk and a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Joseph "Joe" Dashiell has dedicated his life to breaking the news; he began his career in 1980 as a summer intern at the WDBJ7 Bureau in Lynchburg and has been with the station ever since; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, after serving as a correspondent in New River and Richmond, Joe Dashiell returned to Roanoke, where over three decades as a senior reporter he endeared himself to the community through his quality reporting and affable nature; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his journalistic accomplishments, Joe Dashiell has received many accolades over his career, including the George A. Bowles, Jr., Award for Distinguished Performance in Broadcast News from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters in 2009 and *The Associated Press* Robert Gallimore Distinguished Service Award from Virginias Associated Press Broadcasters in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dashiell has built a reputation on his impactful reporting and, in 2010, his news series, "Headlines in Hard Times," earned him a regional Edward R. Murrow Award and an Emmy nomination; and

WHEREAS, using his position as a public figure to advocate on behalf of equality and justice, Joe Dashiell received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Service in Media Award from the Roanoke Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 2011 and was recognized by the Roanoke branch of the NAACP during the organization's 2012 Citizen of the Year Awards ceremony; and

WHEREAS, in spite of major technological upheavals in the journalism and broadcasting industries over his career, Joe Dashiell remains a steady and reliable source of news for the citizens of Roanoke; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Joseph Dashiell, longtime reporter at WDBJ7 and beloved member of the Roanoke community, hereby be commended on the occasion of his 40th anniversary with the station; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joseph Dashiell as an expression of the House of Delegates' profound admiration and respect for his service to Roanoke and the Commonwealth.

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