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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 183

Offered February 2, 2022

Commending Michael D. Gale.

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WHEREAS, Michael D. Gale strives to inform and educate the residents of Floyd County through his work on the community newspaper, the *Floyd Beacon*; and

WHEREAS, Michael Gale grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America in his youth; and

WHEREAS, Michael Gale served his country as an electronics technician in the United States Air Force and later studied engineering and computer science; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Michael Gale was employed by or was a consultant for AT&T Information Systems, AT&T Bell Laboratories, AT&T Communications, and Lucent Technologies, among others; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Michael Gale began consulting for the United States Department of Defense on logistics projects for the deployment and maintenance of complex computer systems; and

WHEREAS, after settling in Virginia in 2011, Michael Gale became an active member of the Floyd County community and sought opportunities to enhance the quality of life throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Michael Gale provided technical support when his wife, Kelleen, was inspired to create a local newsletter to help elevate voices in the community, and the first 12-page edition of the *Floyd Beacon* was published on September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Michael Gale has helped the *Floyd Beacon* thrive by writing articles, maintaining financial records, and overseeing distribution, as well as continuing to provide technical support for the newspaper's website and electronic editions; and

WHEREAS, since then, Michael and Kelleen Gale have partnered with local contributors to provide comprehensive articles on current events, local government policies and decisions, and other stories of interest in Southwest Virginia through bimonthly editions of the *Floyd Beacon*; and

WHEREAS, in addition to fostering a strong sense of community in Floyd County, Michael Gale has supported organizations, small businesses, and church congregations through the *Floyd Beacon*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michael D. Gale for his achievements on behalf of Floyd County residents through his work on the *Floyd Beacon*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael D. Gale as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to local journalism in the Commonwealth.

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