

## 2022 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 359

*Commending Ryan Acey.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2022

Agreed to by the Senate, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Ryan Acey, a sergeant with the Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office, received the Top Cop Award from Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Lines, Inc., for his lifesaving actions in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual Top Cop Award is presented to exceptional local law-enforcement officers like Ryan Acey for their consistent performance of their duties, leadership skills, personal achievements, and contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2020, Ryan Acey responded to a call regarding an individual who had walked into a swamp, telling witnesses he was depressed and wanted to die; and

WHEREAS, after the man moved deeper into the swamp, Ryan Acey waded into thigh-high water to engage with him from a safe distance and was able to establish a rapport; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Acey convinced the man to leave the water and seek further assistance from a mental health worker; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Ryan Acey's professionalism, compassion, and dedication, the individual was unharmed and ultimately received the care he needed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ryan Acey on receiving the Top Cop Award for his outstanding performance in the line of duty; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ryan Acey as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements in service to the residents of Isle of Wight County.

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