

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 752

Commending Randy Johnson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Randy Johnson, the president and founder of God's Pit Crew, a disaster relief organization based in Danville, was named the Danville Kiwanis Citizen of the Year in 2022, one of the city's highest honors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Appalachia and a member of the Fries High School Class of 1980, Randy Johnson began his career in a local textile mill before working as a tractor-trailer driver hauling cattle for several years; and

WHEREAS, upon settling in Mount Airy, North Carolina, for a time, Randy Johnson worked for Leonard Buildings and Truck Accessories, rising through the ranks to become manager of operations for the Danville division of the company; and

WHEREAS, about a decade later, Randy Johnson set out on his own, founding the used car dealership Piedmont Custom Conversions, as well as a driving school that operated at the South Boston Speedway race track; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, following the news of a devastating tornado in Oklahoma City, Randy Johnson and his wife, Terri, set out to deliver supplies to help families and individuals in need, a journey that would inspire Randy Johnson to found God's Pit Crew shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, under Randy Johnson's leadership, God's Pit Crew has grown into an organization with more than 800 volunteers, in Danville and across the nation, who mobilize whenever disasters strike to help families and individuals cope and rebuild after the upheaval in their lives; and

WHEREAS, since Randy Johnson founded God's Pit Crew, the organization has ably responded to more than 160 natural disasters worldwide, as its volunteers give generously and selflessly of their time to tend to the needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Randy Johnson also directs the focus of God's Pit Crew locally, supporting the Danville community through various endeavors designed to assist the area's first responders, schools, churches, veterans, shelters, and more; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with God's Pit Crew, Randy Johnson is also actively involved with White Oak Worship Center in Blairs, where he has served on the Deacon's Board and as director of Operation Compassion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Randy Johnson for being named the 2022 Danville Kiwanis 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 Randy Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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