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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 314

Offered February 13, 2023

Commending Geoffrey Pohanka.

Patrons—Delaney, Bulova, Clark, Guzman, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, Lopez, Maldonado, Mullin, Murphy, Orrock, Rasoul, Scott, P.A., Seibold, Simon, Simonds, Ware and Watts

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Pohanka of the Pohanka Auto Group, was selected as the 2023 chair of the National Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, the Pohanka Automotive Group was founded by Geoffrey "Geoff" Pohanka's grandfather, Frank Pohanka, in 1919, and has grown to become a vibrant business with locations in the Commonwealth, Delaware, Maryland, and Texas, employing more than 1,400 people and representing 15 makes of vehicles, including Honda, Lexus, Acura, Hyundai, Nissan, Chevrolet, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota, Volkswagen, Ford, Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-RAM, and Kia; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Pohanka, whose career in the auto industry has spanned over five decades, got his start in the business in 1971, becoming the third generation of his family to lead the Pohanka Automotive Group; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his community, Geoff Pohanka has supported a wide array of industry and community causes for many years, maintaining the Pohanka family's long tradition as a well-recognized and respected advocate for numerous community events; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Pohanka has been a leader in his community through his support for numerous worthy causes and organizations, including the Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators, and Coaches Association; the Wounded Warrior Project; what is now the Children's National Hospital; the Foundation for Applied Technical Education; Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia; the Fairfax Partnership for Youth; the Fairfax County D.A.R.E. program; and the Virginia State Police Association; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Pohanka has offered his leadership and expertise to military organizations in his community, including as a Joint Base Andrews honorary commander and ambassador and a United States Air Force Air Mobility Command civic leader; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Pohanka has been honored with numerous awards, including the Community Foundation Vision Award, the Collective Empowerment Group Small Business Award, the Mission of Love Charity Candle of Service Award, the Clean Cities Coalition Dealership of the Year, and the Boy Scouts of America Good Scouting Award; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his industry, Geoff Pohanka has served his customers and his community with a generous spirit and has been an example to dealers in his community and around the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Pohanka has served his industry as an active member of the National Automobile Dealers Association for many years, as well as by serving on the Isuzu National Dealer Council, the Honda Service Parts Dealer Council, the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles Dealer Advisory Board, the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association, and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence; and

WHEREAS, as the 2023 chair of the National Automobile Dealers Association, Geoff Pohanka will ably lead his fellow franchise dealers as their top national elected officer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Geoffrey Pohanka hereby be commended on his selection as the 2023 chair of the National Automobile Dealers Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Geoffrey Pohanka as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements and best wishes.

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