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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 362

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending James Washington.

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WHEREAS, in 2022, James Washington, a community journalist, went above and beyond to help locate a missing child in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2022, 13-year-old Mayra Caraballo-Rodriguez and her dog were reported missing in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of the following day, Norfolk resident and neighborhood journalist James Washington spotted Mayra Caraballo-Rodriguez and her dog at Lafayette Park; and

WHEREAS, James Washington broadcast live on Facebook the role he played in ensuring the safe return of Mayra Caraballo-Rodriguez and her dog to her family; and

WHEREAS, James Washington regularly uses his Facebook page to cover local news that goes unnoticed by major news outlets in Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, James Washington consistently engages in community activism and mentorship to prevent gun violence and deal with its aftermath; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That James Washington hereby be commended for his efforts to serve and inform the members of the Norfolk community and his efforts to help locate a missing child in May 2022 and return her safely to her family; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Washington as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the residents of Norfolk and the Commonwealth.

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