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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 364

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Commending Virginia's Olympic torch bearers and the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

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Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, as a precursor to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, the Olympic torch will be carried throughout the country by 10,000 runners; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic torch run will begin in late April, will cover nearly 15,000 miles, and will wend its way through 42 states; and

WHEREAS, among the torch bearers will be approximately 5,500 people chosen nationwide for community service "that mirrors Olympic ideals"; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 Virginia "community heroes" will carry the flame through the Commonwealth on the way to Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, in June, the Olympic torch will be carried through the Commonwealth by the Virginians selected by local United Way organizations for their community service activities; and

WHEREAS, this rekindling of the Olympic spirit most appropriately involves those Virginians most committed to service to their communities, individuals who daily make significant sacrifices in serving others in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend those Virginia community heroes who have been selected to carry the Olympic torch through the Commonwealth on the way to the quadrennial celebration of the Olympics in Atlanta; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly commend the Olympic athletes, coaches, and officials who will gather in Atlanta this summer for the celebration of individual sporting achievement that lies at the heart of the Olympic Games; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the General Assembly urge the citizens of the Commonwealth to support and applaud the deserving Virginians as they make their small but vital contributions to the continuation of the Olympic spirit.

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