

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1997 SESSION

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 456

*Commending Marine Staff Sergeant Frankie Lee Hall.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 1997  
Agreed to by the Senate, January 23, 1997

WHEREAS, on September 24, 1996, a fiery traffic accident on Interstate 581 in Roanoke nearly claimed the lives of two young people; and

WHEREAS, the two teenagers were in a car that ran under a tractor-trailer; the car was dragged nearly 500 feet and burst into flames and ignited the contents of the trailer, creating a horrifying scene of fire, smoke, and twisted, charred metal; and

WHEREAS, that the two people in the car survived the calamitous accident was due wholly to the selfless heroism of Marine Staff Sergeant Frankie Lee Hall; and

WHEREAS, traveling from the Marine recruiting office to downtown Roanoke, Sergeant Hall witnessed the accident, observed a dazed young woman wandering near the wreck, and saw that her young male companion remained trapped in the car; and

WHEREAS, with no thought to his personal safety, Sergeant Hall immediately worked to free the trapped passenger, despite the presence of fire and the imminent danger of explosion; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the heroism of Sergeant Hall, two young people escaped a horrifying death and suffered only minor injuries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend most highly the courageous actions of Marine Staff Sergeant Frankie Lee Hall; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marine Staff Sergeant Frankie Lee Hall as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for his quick-thinking, his selflessness, and his extraordinary courage.

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