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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 274

Offered January 16, 1997

Commending Sergeant Frankie Lee Hall.

Patrons—Trumbo, Bolling, Couric, Edwards, Hanger, Hawkins, Houck, Howell, Lucas, Marsh, Martin, Maxwell, Newman, Norment, Potts, Quayle, Reasor, Schrock, Stolle, Whipple and Williams;
Delegates: Cranwell, Croshaw, Griffith, Jackson, Moss, Puller, Shuler, Thomas and Woodrum

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, 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 Senate, the House of Delegates 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 Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to 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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