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Commending WFLS News.

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WHEREAS, WFLS News of Fredericksburg was honored as the 2007 Outstanding News Operation of the Year by the Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters (VAPB) on April 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, WFLS News received the prestigious award for outstanding news operation because of the dedication and hard work of the news staff in covering the Fredericksburg area and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary members of the WFLS News operation are Niche Herman, Nancy Ball, Deirdre Blake, and news director Frank Hammon; and

WHEREAS, WFLS News also received Superior awards from the VAPB for Continuing News Coverage for its piece on the "Hunt for a Child Predator," as well as for the station's website, wflsnews.com, an honor the station has won each year since the category's inception in 2005; and

WHEREAS, meritorious honors also went to Niche Herman for Best Effort by an Individual Reporter and former employee Mark Chace for Best News Anchor; and

WHEREAS, WFLS is owned by *The Free Lance-Star*, which also received meritorious awards for Best Feature or Human Interest Story, as well as Best Documentary or In-Depth Reporting for its production of "Focus: Internet Predators" and the Douglas Southall Freeman Award for "Payday Lending"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate WFLS News as the Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters' 2007 Outstanding News Operation of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to WFLS News as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of the station's many achievements and best wishes for continued success.

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