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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 212

Offered January 27, 2014

*Commending Pete's Custom Auto Service.*

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WHEREAS, Pete's Custom Auto Service in Newport News will celebrate 50 years of outstanding service on February 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Pete's Custom Auto Service, one of the Commonwealth's successful small businesses, provides towing, automobile body work, and automobile parts; the company has a staff of 19 employees and 16 wrecker trucks; and

WHEREAS, five decades ago, Henry Medlin opened his automobile service company with just two employees and one tow truck; the business has grown and prospered in conjunction with Hampton Roads' burgeoning growth; and

WHEREAS, the red and yellow wrecker trucks of Pete's Custom Auto Service are a familiar sight throughout the region and are a welcome relief to motorists with disabled vehicles; Henry "Pete" Medlin and his sons have custom built all of the company's trucks; and

WHEREAS, Pete's Custom Auto Service is a family-run enterprise; Donnie and Gordon Medlin, sons of the owner, run the day-to-day operations, and Pete Medlin's wife, Joan, together with his daughters, Donna and Lorrie, are available to help when needed; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Pete's Custom Auto Service expanded its business to include a separate entity, Pete's Used Auto Parts, and the firm prides itself on providing friendly and outstanding customer service; and

WHEREAS, Pete's Custom Auto Service is a strong supporter of community organizations, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, and many other nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Pete Medlin of Pete's Custom Auto Service received the Order of Towman award for exemplary service, honoring tow truck drivers who risk their lives to save others; he is also a member of the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Pete Medlin celebrates his 80th birthday in the company's 50th year of service; he continues to work at Pete's Custom Auto Service, helping in the shop and visiting with his many longtime friends and customers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Pete's Custom Auto Service for providing 50 years of outstanding assistance to the people of Newport News and Hampton Roads; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pete's Custom Auto Service as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for its success and achievements.

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