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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 301

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*Commending Howard Wallace.*

Patron—Pogge; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, Howard Wallace of James River Elementary School diligently serves the community as the only school crossing guard in the Williamsburg-James City County Public School system; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his responsibility to ensure that pupils arrive and leave the school safely, Howard Wallace also is the school's head custodian, work that starts as soon as the children are in their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Howard Wallace, who has worked at James River Elementary School for 18 years, is known by the pupils as "Mr. Howard"; his friendly demeanor and kindness to everyone with whom he comes in contact make him a valued member of the school community; and

WHEREAS, James River Elementary School, which opened in 1993, is on busy Pocahontas Trail, also known as U.S. Route 60; Howard Wallace realizes that training, focus, and courage all are needed during his twice daily shifts as a crossing guard; and

WHEREAS, the intersection in front of the school consists of through roads, turning lanes, and merging lanes; when Howard Wallace steps out onto the busy thoroughfare twice a day, he must manage vehicles going in four directions, be aware of traffic signals, and control traffic in turning lanes; and

WHEREAS, Howard Wallace, a veteran of the United States Army, received training from the James City County Police Department to be a crossing guard; safety always is the top priority as children cross the highway, and when school buses depart, he brings all traffic to a complete stop; and

WHEREAS, as head custodian, Howard Wallace does more than clean, make repairs, and maintain the facility; each morning, he checks every door to make sure it is locked, he also watches for any strangers at the school, and checks with teachers and staff to see that all is running smoothly; and

WHEREAS, Howard Wallace's work ethic, discipline, and dedication help create a family atmosphere for the students and staff at James River Elementary School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Howard Wallace for his work as a crossing guard and head custodian at James River Elementary School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Howard Wallace as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his tireless efforts to ensure the safety of children and staff at James River Elementary School.

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