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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 331

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Commending Barry Nelson.

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WHEREAS, Barry Nelson, a businessman in Henry County and a longtime community supporter, was named the winner of the Jack Dalton Community Service Award for 2013 by the Henry County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Barry Nelson has been involved in many community, athletic, and educational programs in Henry County and the surrounding area, giving generously of his time and money to local charities, schools, and other nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Jack Dalton Community Service Award is given annually to a resident of Henry County who best demonstrates the exemplary community service that was a hallmark of the late Jack Dalton, a member of the Henry County Board of Supervisors for 24 years who was board chairman when he died in 2000; and

WHEREAS, as vice president of the Nelson Automotive Family, Barry Nelson has assisted with a program at nearby Patrick Henry Community College; he donates refurbished cars to be used as transportation for foster children who now are GED students seeking college credentials; and

WHEREAS, Barry Nelson is a strong supporter of sports programs in the area, especially baseball; he has coached and donated time and resources to the American Legion baseball program, the Patrick Henry Community College baseball team, and many other youth baseball programs; and

WHEREAS, other charitable organizations that have benefited from Barry Nelson's philanthropy include the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which he started at Patrick Henry Community College; he also is a supporter of the Grace Network of Martinsville and Henry County and the Salvation Army of Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, Barry Nelson also is an advocate for education in the area and has sponsored teacher of the year awards for the Henry County Public School division for several years; he also supports initiatives of the New College Institute in Martinsville; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Barry Nelson for being named the recipient of the Jack Dalton Community Service Award for 2013 by the Henry County Board of Supervisors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Barry Nelson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for the outstanding support he gives to the people and organizations in Henry County, the surrounding communities, and the Commonwealth.

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