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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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Commending Andrew E. Overbay.

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7 WHEREAS, Andrew E. Overbay, a hard-working farmer and devoted educator, earned the 8 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents; and

9 WHEREAS, the National Association of County Agricultural Agents' Distinguished Service Award 10 recognizes excellence in the field and is awarded to members with over 10 years of experience; and

11 WHEREAS, Andrew "Andy" Overbay learned the value of hard work while growing up on his 12 family's dairy farm in Smyth County; an active member of the 4-H Youth Development Organization, he 13 graduated as the valedictorian of Chilhowie High School in 1981; and

WHEREAS, a diligent student, Andy Overbay spent a total of nearly 12 years at VirginiaPolytechnic Institute and State University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees and a doctorate; and

WHEREAS, while working as a dairy farmer in 2000, Andy Overbay joined the Virginia
Cooperative Extension service and served the farming community by using scientific research and a
variety of teaching methods to build beneficial programs for farm operations; and

19 WHEREAS, Andy Overbay earned the respect and gratitude of many local farmers and fellow agents
20 for his work on dairy nutrition, youth education, and agritourism in Smyth County and Southwest
21 Virginia; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to helping the people of Smyth County, Andy Overbay has earned
 many awards and accolades for his work; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his depth of knowledge and invaluable contributions to the farming
 community in the region, Andy Overbay was promoted to the position of senior extension agent in
 2013; and

WHEREAS, Andy Overbay currently serves on the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association
 Scientific Advisory Board and has served in nearly every office of the Virginia Association of
 Agricultural Extension Agents; and

30 WHEREAS, Andy Overbay plans to continue serving the farmers of Smyth County and the 31 Commonwealth with the extension service and looks forward to one day earning the title of extension 32 agent emeritus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
 commend Andrew E. Overbay on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the National
 Association of County Agricultural Agents; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
 for presentation to Andrew E. Overbay as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his
 commitment to serving the farmers of Smyth County and the Commonwealth.

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