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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5030

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Commending Todd J. Hawkins.

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. and Adams; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Todd J. Hawkins, a corporal with the Danville Police Department, was named the American Legion Dan River Post 1097 Police Officer of the Year in March 2014; and

WHEREAS, Todd Hawkins joined the Danville Police Department in 2002 and has served continuously for 12 years, earning a reputation as a capable and highly professional officer; and

WHEREAS, while most police officers can claim to have recovered no more than five stolen vehicles, Todd Hawkins has actively searched for and recovered 78 stolen vehicles over the course of his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, using the experience earned over his 12 years with the department, Todd Hawkins develops educated guesses on the locations of stolen vehicles based on the location of the theft, the type of vehicle, and knowledge of people who frequent the area; and

WHEREAS, harnessing an uncanny sense of recollection and often remembering the details of stolen vehicles weeks or months after their theft, Todd Hawkins visually scans each vehicle he sees on his patrols; and

WHEREAS, Todd Hawkins is an exemplar of the hard work, professionalism, and dedication to duty displayed by law-enforcement officers and first responders throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Todd J. Hawkins on receiving the American Legion Dan River Post 1097 Police Officer of the Year award for his contributions to the Danville community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Todd J. Hawkins as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his unique skills and dedication to serving and protecting the people of Danville.

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