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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 871

Offered February 19, 2015

*Commending Matt Hagan.*

Patrons—Rush; Senator: Smith

WHEREAS, Matt Hagan of Christiansburg was crowned National Hot Rod Association Funny Car World Champion in the 2014 Mello Yello Drag Racing Series competition; it is the second world title for the talented racer and his Don Schumacher Racing crew; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 finals were held in California at the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona; Matt Hagan claimed victory on November 16 with a dramatic win in his Mopar/Rocky Boots Dodge Charger over drag-racing legend John Force; and

WHEREAS, Matt Hagan led John Force by 23 points as the pair began final eliminations racing; he then defeated his opponent in the last of the four elimination rounds, winning the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Finals competition for the second consecutive year—and the world championship; and

WHEREAS, the NHRA, which was founded in 1951, is the largest promoter of professional drag racing in the world; from its inception, the organization has been dedicated to safety as it offers millions of fans a thrilling racing experience; and

WHEREAS, Matt Hagan's victory is a tribute to the support of his many fans and the talent and hard work of his crew, which is led by crew chief Dickie Venables; the hardworking team played a vital role during his run to the crown; and

WHEREAS, Matt Hagan, an avid deer and duck hunter, owns and operates a 1,000-acre cattle farm when he is not racing; he and his father, David, are partners in Matt Hagan Outdoors, a retail store that opened in Radford in 2013, catering to hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Matt Hagan of Christiansburg, a member of the Don Schumacher Racing team, for winning the National Hot Rod Association Funny Car World Championship in the 2014 Mello Yello Drag Racing Series competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Matt Hagan as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his outstanding achievement.

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