

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

Commending Ken Heath.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, Ken Heath, a respected leader and a generous volunteer in Smyth County, received the 2016 President's Lifetime Achievement Award, the top tier of the President's Volunteer Service Award program; and

WHEREAS, the President's Volunteer Service Award is an award bestowed by the President of the United States and granted by Points of Light to volunteers throughout the country; only four percent of the more than 132,000 recipients in 2016 received the Lifetime Achievement Award, which requires more than 4,000 hours of cumulative service; and

WHEREAS, Ken Heath ably serves the residents of the Town of Marion as the director of community and economic development and has made lasting contributions to the community through more than 4,270 hours of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Ken Heath has spearheaded many service projects and fundraisers to help residents in need, ranging from community-wide events to more personal efforts, such as when he helped recreate the wedding day of a woman suffering from amnesia or when he raised money to help a wheelchair-bound police officer dance with his wife; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Ken Heath organized Operation: Rudolph in December 2016 to collect donations of toys and gifts for families who were affected by devastating wildfires in Gatlinburg, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ken Heath is currently developing plans for a dog park in Marion, featuring a training area and a memorial wall, where people can purchase bricks for their pets; and

WHEREAS, Ken Heath was nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award by a fellow community leader and received it at a surprise ceremony on January 16, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ken Heath on winning the 2016 President's Lifetime Achievement Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ken Heath as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his incredible legacy of service to the Smyth County community.

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