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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1048

Offered February 20, 2017

Commending Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Patrons—O'Quinn, Anderson, Bell, Richard P., Bourne, Boysko, Byron, Carr, Cole, Fowler, Greason, Helsel, Heretick, Hester, Hope, Ingram, Jones, Kilgore, Kory, Landes, Lindsey, Lopez, McQuinn, Minchew, Morefield, Peace, Pillion, Plum, Rasoul, Simon, Tyler and Ware; Senators: Carrico, Chafin, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Lucas, McClellan, Peake, Reeves, Ruff, Spruill, Stuart, Vogel and Wagner

WHEREAS, for more than 70 years, Paralyzed Veterans of America has been on a mission to change lives and build brighter futures for the nation's seriously injured heroes; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Washington, D.C., Paralyzed Veterans of America was founded in 1946 by a group of World War II veterans who returned from service with spinal cord injuries; and

WHEREAS, today, Paralyzed Veterans of America is an organization dedicated to fighting for quality health care and decent benefits for all veterans, funding medical research, and achieving civil rights for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Paralyzed Veterans of America seeks to empower the brave men and women who served this country to achieve the things they fought for, freedom and independence, and to help them get a fair shot at the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, Paralyzed Veterans of America supports research, educational programs, and many other initiatives that seek to improve daily life for the more than 750,000 people in the United States, including veterans, who live with spinal cord injury or a spinal cord disease; and

WHEREAS, NASCAR legend Richard Petty is an honorary spokesperson for Paralyzed Veterans of America and in recent years he has teamed with grocery store chain Food City to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for Paralyzed Veterans of America's Mission: ABLE campaign; and

WHEREAS, Paralyzed Veterans of America has 34 chapters that represent thousands of veterans in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Paralyzed Veterans of America has been led by generation after generation of distinguished leaders whose expertise, energy, dedication, and passion have enabled the organization to sustain and expand the programs essential to achieving its mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Paralyzed Veterans of America for its significant work to improve the quality of life for veterans and all people living with spinal cord injury and disease; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Al Kovach, Jr., Paralyzed Veterans of America national president, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's honorable efforts to create a barrier-free America for all people with disabilities, especially veterans.

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