HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 643

Commending David Willis.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, for 18 years, David Willis has generously volunteered his time and talents to help individuals and families in crisis as a member of God's Pit Crew, a nonprofit disaster relief organization based in Danville; and

WHEREAS, established in response to the 1999 Oklahoma tornado outbreak, God's Pit Crew has since responded to 89 major disasters in 25 states and nine countries, distributing more than 200 million pounds of relief supplies; and

WHEREAS, David Willis was an original member of God's Pit Crew and helped collect supplies until the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 inspired him to commit more time to the organization; and

WHEREAS, now retired, David Willis works more than 50 hours each week as a volunteer warehouse manager for God's Pit Crew, managing incoming and outgoing loads of relief supplies, which are donated to more than 170 nonprofit organizations in the region; and

WHEREAS, God's Pit Crew has also renovated dozens of children's homes and churches and built and furnished more than 30 homes and donated them to families in need; as an electrician, David Willis' expertise has been essential in building or repair projects; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, David Willis has committed more than 21,873 hours to God's Pit Crew, demonstrating incredible devotion to the community and compassion for people in need throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Willis for his work to bring hope, healing, and restoration to people in need as a longtime member of God's Pit Crew; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Willis as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his generous volunteer service.