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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 644

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Commending James Hodge.

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

WHEREAS, for 14 years, James Hodge 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, after retiring in 2001, James Hodge participated in a tornado disaster response mission with God's Pit Crew and officially joined the organization in 2003; and

WHEREAS, as an assistant volunteer warehouse manager for God's Pit Crew, James Hodge works daily to ensure that valuable relief supplies are distributed to more than 170 nonprofit organizations in the region; he serves as a board member for the organization and is often named as team leader for missions; 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, with James Hodge taking part in every building project since 2003; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, James Hodge has committed more than 17,761 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 James Hodge 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 James Hodge as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his generous volunteer service.

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