

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 645

*Commending Ricky Hyler.*

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

WHEREAS, for 12 years, Ricky Hyler 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, a former truck driver and heavy equipment operator, Ricky Hyler joined God's Pit Crew in 2005 after witnessing the devastation of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, as lead volunteer truck driver, Ricky Hyler oversees equipment maintenance, operates heavy equipment at disaster sites, and drives loads of relief supplies to and from donor partners in the region; since 2011, he has driven more than 94,270 miles for God's Pit Crew; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Hyler has overseen the growth of God's Pit Crew's fleet of response vehicles, which now includes a wide array of trucks, trailers, and heavy equipment, ensuring that the organization can respond effectively to any situation; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, Ricky Hyler has committed more than 14,618 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 Ricky Hyler 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 Ricky Hyler as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his generous volunteer service.

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