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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 980

Offered February 16, 2017

*Commending John E. Burchell, Jr.*

Patrons—Cox, Ingram, Robinson and Ware; Senator: Chase

WHEREAS, John E. Burchell, Jr., of Heritage Chevrolet in Chester, is the 2017 *Time* magazine Quality Dealer of the Year nominee for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, John "Jay" E. Burchell, Jr., whose career in the auto industry has spanned more than 40 years, got his start in the auto industry during high school and college with part-time jobs; he began his professional career with Jim Price Chevrolet in Charlottesville, where he learned the business from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, Jay Burchell became an owner in the Carter Myers Automotive Group, where he still serves today as president and executive manager of Heritage Chevrolet in Chester; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his community, Jay Burchell has supported a wide array of industry and community causes for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jay Burchell has been a leader in his community, offering his support for the Chesterfield Center for the Arts Foundation, the Chesterfield Education Association, the Thomas Dale High School Key Club, the Knights of Columbus, and CARITAS; he has served on the leadership boards of various organizations, including the Metro Richmond YMCA, Virginia's Gateway Region, and Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Jay Burchell has been recognized for his leadership in his business community as a recipient of the Chester Business Council Business of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his industry, Jay Burchell has served his customers and his community with a generous spirit and has been an example to dealers in his community and around the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Jay Burchell has been a member of numerous Chevrolet regional dealer councils and marketing groups, and Heritage Chevrolet has been awarded the Chevrolet Mark of Excellence Dealer Award by General Motors for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jay Burchell has served his industry as an active member of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association and the Greater Richmond New Car Dealers Association, including as a member of the Board of Directors for both organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jay Burchell was chair of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association in 2015, leading all his fellow franchise dealers as their top elected officer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John E. Burchell, Jr., on his selection as the 2017 *Time* magazine Quality Dealer of the Year nominee for Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John E. Burchell, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes.

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