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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 413

Offered February 15, 2017

*Commending Ralph Mastantuono.*

Patrons—Favola, Ebbin and Howell; Delegates: Hope and Levine

WHEREAS, Ralph Mastantuono of Mercedes Benz of Arlington is the 2017 *Time* magazine Quality Automobile Dealer of the Year Nominee for the Washington Area; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Mastantuono, whose career in the auto industry has spanned more than 30 years, got his start in the auto industry at Capitol Cadillac; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Mastantuono has led Mercedes Benz dealerships in Arlington and Alexandria for the past 13 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Ralph Mastantuono has been a leader in his community including in his support for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, D.C., for the JDRF (formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, for the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (Fairfax), for the American Heart Association, and for Charles E. Smith Life Communities in Rockville, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his industry, Ralph Mastantuono 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, Ralph Mastantuono is a recipient of the 2016 Northwood University Dealer Education Award, which recognizes his commitment to education in the dealer industry, including the development of an auto dealer intern program, in conjunction with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Arlington County Public Schools, designed for high school students aspiring to careers in the automobile business that teaches them the basic elements of vehicle sales and fixed operations as well as a unique training program for dealership general managers from across the United States, emphasizing the special skill set required for retail and service of high-end vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Mastantuono has served his industry as an active member of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, where he currently serves on the Supervisory Board for the VADA Group Self Insurance Association for Workers Compensation; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Mastantuono is an active member of the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association, where he currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors and as chair of the employee benefits committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Ralph Mastantuono on his selection as the 2017 *Time* magazine Quality Automobile Dealer of the Year Nominee for the Washington Area; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ralph Mastantuono as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes.

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