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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 425

Offered February 20, 2017

Commending Eli Johnson.

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WHEREAS, Eli Johnson, an honor roll student and football player at Huguenot High School, sustained severe injuries while courageously saving the life of Carmelita Brown on February 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Eli Johnson, who lives in the home next door to Carmelita Brown, awoke to the sound of his neighbor's home being broken into and the ensuing yelling and commotion; he entered Carmelita Brown's bedroom and found two men holding her at gunpoint; and

WHEREAS, reacting instinctively and without concern for his own safety, Eli Johnson rushed one of the men and knocked him over, but was shot seven times in the stomach, chest, arm, and leg; his quick actions helped ensure that Carmelita Brown was unharmed; and

WHEREAS, after hours of surgery and a week of recovery at VCU Medical Center, Eli Johnson was released from the hospital, and he is now recovering at home with his sister, Keyeria Grant, by his side and the support of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Eli Johnson, who is 17 years old, will require physical therapy to fully recover from his wounds, but his spirit is undaunted; he attributes his strength and determination to his mother, Faye, and his father, Harry, a veteran; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Eli Johnson hopes to serve his country as a member of the United States Army; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Eli Johnson for his heroic actions on February 1, 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eli Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his bravery, selflessness, and positivity in the face of adversity.

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