## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 463**

Commending Yodie Swain.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Yodie Swain, a renowned hairstylist and a Roanoke institution, has served the community for more than 20 years from his salon on Williamson Road, Diva's House of Hair; and

WHEREAS, Yodie "Cleveland" Swain helped style his mother's and sisters' hair as a child and later enrolled in the Potomac Academy of Hair Design in Falls Church; he finished his certification and received his license through Virginia Hair Academy; and

WHEREAS, after training with some of the area's finest hairstylists, Cleveland Swain established Diva's House of Hair at Lamplighter Mall, where he has offered personalized cuts, coloring, and styling for two decades; and

WHEREAS, with his charismatic personality and attentive service, Cleveland Swain has built a loyal customer base, which even spans four generations of one family, by helping women feel beautiful, comfortable, and confident; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Swain has served the community by offering his services to funeral homes, working with Goodwill Industries on a program to help local women find jobs, and conducting hair care classes for white parents of adopted African American and biracial children; and

WHEREAS, Diva's House of Hair is a well-known meeting place that has fostered a strong sense of community in northwest Roanoke, thanks in large part to Cleveland Swain's commitment to service and philanthropy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Yodie Swain for his 20 years in business at Diva's House of Hair; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Yodie Swain as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his countless contributions to the Roanoke community.