

## 2018 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Offered March 8, 2018

*Commending Cody Keen.*

Patron—Suetterlein

WHEREAS, Cody Keen, a talented and dedicated law-enforcement professional who serves with the Salem Police Department, was named the 2017 Salem Police Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richlands, Cody Keen earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and intercultural studies from Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri; he joined the Salem Police Department in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, despite being a relative newcomer to the Salem Police Department, 25 year-old Cody Keen has already won the respect of his fellow officers for his intelligence, integrity, and passion for helping others; and

WHEREAS, Cody Keen's quick thinking was on display in July 2017, when, driving while off-duty, he encountered a car filled with smoke; Keen approached the vehicle, and upon noticing a woman trapped inside, he used a car jack to break open a window and rescue her; she was later connected to an earlier DUI accident and placed under arrest; and

WHEREAS, in another incident on October 31, 2017, Cody Keen responded to an alarm call at a pharmacy in Salem; after driving to the rear of the store, he confronted and then helped apprehend a man who had stolen a large amount of prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Cody Keen was selected as the Salem Police Officer of the Year following a vote by his fellow officers; Salem Police Chief Mike Crawley called Keen a deserving choice for the award and described him as a positive influence and exemplary representative of the department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Cody Keen hereby be commended on being selected as the 2017 Salem Police Officer of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cody Keen as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his commitment to serving and protecting the residents of Salem.

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