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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1106

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending Greg Joachim.

Patrons—Krizek; Senators: Surovell and Ebbin

WHEREAS, Greg Joachim, a Mount Vernon resident, raised over \$14,000 for Alzheimer's disease research on a one-of-a-kind canoe trip down the Susquehanna River in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Greg Joachim, a retired United States Army officer, was motivated to fundraise for a cure for this affliction by the death of his father, who succumbed to dementia; his grandmother currently struggles with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Greg Joachim developed his plan for the Barn to Bay Paddle fundraiser as he stood on his grandmother's porch in Milton, Pennsylvania, and looked out over the Susquehanna River; his family had a deep connection with the river and he knew that it could play a vital role in raising awareness for his grandmother's condition, possibly leading to a cure one day; and

WHEREAS, Greg Joachim worked with the Alzheimer's Association as a part of their Longest Day campaign, where people across the world participate in fundraising activities to raise awareness for Alzheimer's; the disease has a brutal effect on those who suffer from Alzheimer's, including family, leaving them with a hopeless feeling that can sometimes overwhelm loved ones as they watch the illness progress; and

WHEREAS, through careful planning, mapping, and physical conditioning, Greg Joachim and his close friend, Ron Miller, navigated the Susquehanna River over a period of five days, steering their way around six dams, camping out, and ending at Havre de Grace, Maryland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Greg Joachim, a Mount Vernon resident, who raised over \$14,000 for Alzheimer's disease research on a one-of-a-kind canoe trip down the Susquehanna River in 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Greg Joachim as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment to raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease.

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