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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 835**

Offered February 6, 2019

*Commending Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company.*

Patrons—O'Quinn, Campbell, J.L. and Pillion; Senator: Carrico

WHEREAS, workers at Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company in Glade Spring celebrated the milestone production of the 100,000th trailer built at the plant on January 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, Utility Trailer has manufactured the 4000D-X Composite series and the 4000D dry van series at the Glade Spring plant; the Utility Trailer company was founded in 1914 and is considered an industry leader today; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Trailer 4000D-X Composite's polyurethane foam core composite side walls optimize strength and deliver a lower tare weight; the 4000D dry van's traditional plywood-lined trailer is extremely durable for superior value; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Glade Spring Utility Trailer plant set a record by building 55 trailers in one day, but three years later, a downturn in the economy reduced the employee level at the facility; a tornado struck the facility in April 2011, posing another setback, but the plant rebuilt and reopened less than two weeks later; and

WHEREAS, today the Glade Spring Utility Trailer plant continues to be a top manufacturer in Washington County; in 2012, the plant expanded by an additional 56,000 square feet to produce more dry vans; and

WHEREAS, Glade Spring Utility Trailer plant workers are active in the Washington County community, donating a trailer full of food to Feeding America, collecting canned goods for a local food bank, gifting a fully equipped mountain bike to the Washington County Sheriff's Office to patrol the Creeper Trail, and making significant contributions to the United Way of Southwest Virginia, with a majority of donations going directly to schoolchildren in need; and

WHEREAS, Utility Trailer's 100,000th dry van is a 4000D-X TBR Composite model, presented to Whitaker Transportation Company owners Charles D. and Deborah Whitaker, whose fleet hauls many different commodities from Bristol, Tennessee, to the East Coast and Midwest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company for completing production of the 100,000th trailer built at the Glade Spring plant; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its achievement.

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