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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 505

Offered January 17, 2025

Commending Donald Sullivan, Jr.

Patrons—Scott, P.A. and Orrock; Senator: Durant

WHEREAS, Donald Sullivan, Jr., general manager of Sullivan Auto Trading in Fredericksburg and Norfolk, was named National Quality Dealer of the Year at the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association Convention and Expo in Las Vegas on June 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after being selected the Virginia Quality Dealer of the Year, Donald Sullivan was one of 11 finalists considered for the National Quality Dealer of the Year honor by the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association (NIADA); and

WHEREAS, Donald Sullivan earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from James Madison University before embarking upon his career in automotive sales by joining his father at his dealership, Sullivan Auto Trading; and

WHEREAS, Donald Sullivan devoted himself to learning the intricacies of a car dealership, spending time in every department of Sullivan Auto Trading, from parts to finance to sales; and

WHEREAS, by fostering productive working relationships and encouraging innovation, Donald Sullivan was able to expand Sullivan Auto Trading to locations in both Fredericksburg and Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering passion for honing his abilities as a businessman, Donald Sullivan has earned a master's degree in business administration and completed NIADA's Certified Master Dealer, and he is also currently pursuing a doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Donald Sullivan has been a leader and mentor to others within the automotive industry, regularly speaking at professional events, including past NIADA conventions, serving as the Virginia Independent Automobile Dealers Association's president, and writing curriculum to help aspiring dealers to start their dealerships; and

WHEREAS, Donald Sullivan has supported a number of philanthropic endeavors through his dealership and given generously of his time for the benefit of the community as a board member and trustee at his church and as a youth sports coach; and

WHEREAS, Donald Sullivan's recent accolade is a testament to his steadfast professionalism, his commitment to his customers' satisfaction, and his unwavering dedication to bettering his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Donald Sullivan, Jr., for being named the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association's 2024 National Quality Dealer of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Donald Sullivan, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for his continued success.

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