

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 930

Commending Autos By Nelson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, Autos By Nelson, an esteemed automotive group based in Martinsville, proudly marks its 50th anniversary in 2025, celebrating five decades of growth, service, and community commitment; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1975 by G.R. and Joanne Nelson as a single-point Ford dealership in Bassett, Virginia, Autos By Nelson has expanded into a thriving automotive group with eight franchises and six rooftops; and

WHEREAS, today, Autos By Nelson includes a collision center, towing company, rental car service, and salvage yard, reflecting its evolution into a comprehensive automotive service provider; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Barry Nelson, the 2024 Virginia *Time* magazine Dealer of the Year, and his son, Lee Nelson, the family legacy continues to drive Autos by Nelson forward; and

WHEREAS, the Nelsons' dedication to customer service, innovation, and community engagement has solidified Autos By Nelson as a trusted name in the industry; and

WHEREAS, Autos By Nelson has demonstrated a deep commitment to the communities it serves by supporting a variety of local events that make a difference in people's lives, as well as numerous local organizations, such as The Salvation Army of Martinsville, the Grace Network of Martinsville-Henry County, the Martinsville-Henry County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Southside Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, as Autos By Nelson commemorates its historic milestone, the Nelson family and their team look ahead to the future while honoring the foundation of hard work and integrity that has defined their success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Autos By Nelson hereby be commended for its legacy of service on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Autos by Nelson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the automotive group's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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