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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 107

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Commending Mike Williams.

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WHEREAS, Mike Williams, an esteemed newsman and owner and publisher of *The Patriot* newspaper, a weekly newspaper serving the Pulaski County and Radford communities, celebrates his 45th anniversary in the news industry in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mike Williams began his illustrious career as an apprentice pressman with *The Southwest Times* in Pulaski, serving the paper in nearly every capacity during his 31-year tenure, including 10 years as publisher; and

WHEREAS, Mike Williams founded *The Patriot* and its companion website in May 2009 and has since provided an invaluable service to the residents of Pulaski County and Radford by keeping them well-informed of events affecting their community; and

WHEREAS, Mike Williams has given generously of his time in service to others as a member of various organizations, including Pulaski Encouraging Progress and the Pulaski County United Way Board of Directors, and also supported his industry as a member of the Virginia Press Association Board of Directors from 1993 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mike Williams has received numerous honors over the years from the Virginia Press Association and the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce for his professional accomplishments and service to the community, including recognition as the chamber's 2005 Business Executive of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mike Williams was presented the 2013 Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award by Pulaski Elks Lodge 1067 and was a unanimous selection for induction into the Pulaski County High School Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, through his tireless efforts as a newsman and civic leader, Mike Williams has helped make Pulaski County a more wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mike Williams, celebrated newsman and entrepreneur, for his many years of service to the Pulaski County and Radford communities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mike Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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