HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 109

Commending Larry J. Shelor.

Agreed to by the House, January 24, 2022 Agreed to by the Senate, January 27, 2022

WHEREAS, Larry J. Shelor, president of Shelor Motor Mile in Christiansburg, has served the residents of the Blacksburg-Christiansburg Metropolitan Area for five decades; and

WHEREAS, a native of Floyd, Larry Shelor earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Duke University before beginning his career as an automobile dealer; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shelor established Shelor Motor Mile in 1974 and has worked with vice president David L. Hagan, who joined in the 1980s, to help the business become the leading multi-franchise dealership in the region with more than \$400 million in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, under Larry Shelor and David Hagan's leadership, Shelor Motor Mile grew from 125 employees to more than 500 across multiple locations and has earned national accolades for outstanding business performance, customer satisfaction, and innovation in training and development; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shelor serves as a member of the Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and a former chair of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, outside of the automotive industry, Larry Shelor and David Hagan have served the community as the owners of a real estate development firm that completed several townhome neighborhoods, a subdivision of single-family dwellings, and other individual residential properties; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shelor and David Hagan have been champions for Minor League Baseball and conducted a \$10 million renovation of Historic Calfee Park in Pulaski, which is now home to the Pulaski River Turtles of the Appalachian League; and

WHEREAS, under Larry Shelor's leadership, Shelor Motor Mile became the primary sponsor of Calfee Community and Cultural Center, which preserves the legacy of the historic Calfee Training School; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shelor and David Hagan have sponsored countless programs through trade associations, educational institutions, and community groups; they established Growing the Future, which has awarded millions of dollars to local schools in six counties, supporting scholarships, extracurricular activities, field trips, and competitions; and

WHEREAS, Larry Shelor has served his community with the utmost dedication and enhanced the quality of life for residents of Pulaski, Christiansburg, and the entire region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Larry J. Shelor for his contributions to the residents of the Blacksburg-Christiansburg Metropolitan Area as a business owner and a pillar of the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larry J. Shelor as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his personal and professional achievements.