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Offered January 18, 2022

Commending Derek Wray.

Patron—McNamara

WHEREAS, in October 2021, Derek Wray, an automotive and diesel technology teacher at Salem High School, was selected as a winner of the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools program strives to increase understanding and support for skilled trades education in public high schools around the country by recognizing exceptional educators like Derek Wray; and

WHEREAS, Derek Wray works diligently to ensure that his students receive the highest quality educational training and benefit from hands-on instruction in the most up-to-date techniques in automotive repair; and

WHEREAS, Derek Wray's teaching methods and commitment to excellence have directly contributed to his students' success both in the classroom and in their careers; and

WHEREAS, Derek Wray was selected by a panel of experts from a pool of 700 worthy applicants in 49 states, and as the grand prize winner, he received an award of \$30,000 for himself and \$70,000 in program funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Derek Wray on receiving the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence in 2021; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Derek Wray as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding service to students in Salem.