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Offered January 25, 2022

Commending Zachary Hyman.

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WHEREAS, Zachary Hyman, an esteemed officer with the Suffolk Police Department, was honored as "Top Cop" at the 21st Annual Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Lines, Inc., Top Cop Awards on November 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an officer with the Suffolk Police Department for nearly six years, Zachary Hyman was recognized for the prestigious award following the bravery he demonstrated on February 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on that evening, Zachary Hyman responded to an urgent call that a car had crashed on Portsmouth Boulevard in Suffolk and was partially submerged in water alongside the road; and

WHEREAS, when Zachary Hyman arrived at the scene, he discovered that the car was sinking into the water and that a young child and woman remained inside; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Hyman quickly jumped into action and, with the help of his punch tool and two bystanders, managed to rescue the occupants just moments before their vehicle went completely underwater; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Hyman sustained several cuts and lacerations from the car's broken glass and needed to be treated for hypothermia as a result of his heroic efforts to save two lives; and

WHEREAS, by responding to a dire emergency resolutely and without concern for himself, Zachary Hyman embodied the highest ideals of an officer's oath to protect and serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Zachary Hyman for being named Top Cop of the Greater Hampton Roads region; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zachary Hyman as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his extraordinary service and courage in the face of danger.