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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 164

Offered February 28, 2022

Commending the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department.

Patrons—Stuart; Delegate: Ransone

WHEREAS, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department, an organization that bravely and proudly serves the citizens of Northumberland County, celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department was spearheaded in 1947 by members of The American Legion Post 117, who led a successful fundraising campaign to establish a fire fighting organization in the Fairfield's District of Northumberland County; and

WHEREAS, the first meeting of the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department was held in the Pythian Hall of Reedville on January 30, 1947, when R. L. Haynie was elected chairman and the Reverend Joe M. Dameron was elected fire commissioner; and

WHEREAS, after briefly storing its firefighting equipment at Reedville High School, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department purchased a lot along Route 360 to serve as the location for its new fire house; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department established a branch station at Glebe Point, greatly expanding and enhancing its ability to serve residents in all corners of Northumberland County; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department has been run entirely by a dedicated crew of volunteers who give generously of their time to protect life and property in Northumberland County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the efforts of its Support Team and regular fundraising events, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department has been able to enhance its ability to outfit its members and serve the community over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department is continually upgrading its equipment and methods and training its members to ensure that the department responds to emergencies as promptly and effectively as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department has been integral to local civic affairs throughout its existence, sponsoring first aid classes and scout troops, procuring doctors for the region, and arranging for the community's annual Christmas tree presentation; and

WHEREAS, with the support of approximately 35 current members, the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department responds to hundreds of calls annually, including field and brush fires, house fires, and various other incidences; and

WHEREAS, through their tireless commitment to helping others, the members of the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department have kept their community safe and made Northumberland County a more wonderful place to call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Johnny Beauchamp, president of the Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's rich history and many contributions to the Commonwealth.

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