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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 173**

Offered January 31, 2022

Commending Ernest Cash.

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Patron—Campbell, R.R.

WHEREAS, Ernest Cash has greatly served the residents of Amherst County for 50 years through his involvement with the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department in Madison Heights; and

WHEREAS, Ernest "Ernie" Cash was inspired by a former employer to join the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department; he enlisted with the unit in 1971 and quickly became enamored with the work, constantly thinking of ways to improve his abilities as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his enthusiasm, commitment to service, and leadership abilities, Ernie Cash was named chief of the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department, a position he carried out with a great sense of honor and duty until he retired from active service in 2017; and

WHEREAS, to honor his extraordinary career, the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department retired Ernie Cash's service number upon his retirement, encouraging future members of the department to reflect upon his remarkable legacy; and

WHÊREAS, dedicated to well-being of his fellow firefighters and the institution he has served, Ernie Cash regularly attends meetings of the Central Virginia Firefighters' Association and assists Monelison Volunteer Fire Department fund drives; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Cash also continues to teach courses at the Amherst County fire academy, preparing the next generation of firefighters for any challenge or circumstance they might face; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Cash's accomplishments with the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department over the years were made possible through the love and support of his wife, Tina, and his children; and

WHEREAS, through his tireless commitment to the safety and well-being of others, Ernie Cash has made a profound and lasting impact on the Amherst County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ernest Cash for his 50 years of service in support of the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department; and, be it

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