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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196**

Offered March 10, 2022

Commending the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department.

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WHEREAS, the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department, a public agency that protects and serves the residents of the Town of Fincastle and Botetourt County, celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1947, the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department continues to be entirely operated by volunteers who run calls, perform administrative functions, raise funds, and assist with other station projects; and

WHEREAS, the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department has responded to thousands of calls over the years in service to the community, including 237 incidents in 2021 alone; and

WHEREAS, the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department has continually upgraded its facilities, firefighting equipment, and operational strategies to enhance its ability to serve the community, including the construction of a new fire house in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department has received tremendous support from its Ladies Auxiliary since its founding, which helps organize fundraisers and other activities to further the agency's mission; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department are the result of the bravery, professionalism, and dedication of its members, whose service over the past 75 years is an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department hereby be commended on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dustin Ware, chief of the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the agency's contributions to the Commonwealth.