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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

Offered March 10, 2022

Commending the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department.

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WHEREAS, the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department has greatly served the residents of Manassas Park by protecting the community, responding to a variety of emergencies, and providing education and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, established in 1965 when Manassas Park was still a town in Prince William County, the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department became its own agency when the town was incorporated as the City of Manassas Park 10 years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the City of Manassas dissolved the Department of Public Safety Director position and established the position of fire chief, installing Captain Rick Grove as the first in a series of accomplished firemen to fulfill the role; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department has continually upgraded its facilities, equipment, and operational strategies to enhance its ability to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department is a visible presence in the community, with various outreach events offering opportunities for members to interact with residents and to teach them more about fire safety and the work of the department; and

WHEREAS, to teach young people about fire prevention and safety, the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department visits many schools and day care centers in the community during Fire Prevention Month every October, while also providing station tours to youth groups throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department helps homeowners prepare for emergencies by providing courtesy home safety surveys, while also offering pre-plan and walk-thru services to businesses and high-occupancy residential buildings to ensure that they are ready for whatever danger; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department hereby be commended for its service and outreach in the Manassas Park community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Manassas Park Fire and Rescue Department as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the agency's contributions to the Commonwealth.