

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 212

Commending the Norfolk members of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team-Virginia Task Force II.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 2002
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2002

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the United States was the target of a terrorist attack that killed, maimed, and otherwise injured thousands of American citizens and visitors from other nations in New York City, Pennsylvania, and Arlington, Virginia, at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue Team—Virginia Task Force II deployed within 24 hours to Northern Virginia to provide emergency assistance and support to on-scene emergency agencies at the Pentagon, headquarters for the United States Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Task Force II carried out the missions of securing the structural stability of the Pentagon, searching for survivors, and recovering the remains of victims; and

WHEREAS, the following members of the Norfolk City Fire Department were members of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team—Virginia Task Force II: Captain Todd F. Cannon, Lieutenant Miller B. Mears, Jr., Firefighter/Paramedic Lawrence M. Phillips, Fire Inspector Frederick M. Broccolo, Fire Apparatus Operator Theodore A. Munden, and Captain George Ridgewell of the Naval Regional Fire Rescue Hampton Roads, Sewell's Point District; and

WHEREAS, these members of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team—Virginia Task Force II carried out their assigned tasks with consistent fervor, safety, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the members of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team—Virginia Task Force II returned to their homes on Wednesday, September 19, 2001; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby recognize the Norfolk members of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team—Virginia Task Force II for their outstanding response in the immediate aftermath of the tragic terrorist attack on the Pentagon and for their heroism; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the City of Norfolk as an expression of the high esteem in which the Norfolk members of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team—Virginia Task Force II are held by the members of the General Assembly and the people of Virginia.

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