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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

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Commending William A. Garrett.

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31 32 Patrons—Puller; Delegate: Surovell

WHEREAS, William A. Garrett is commended for his selection as the 2009 Fairfax County Career Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Gum Springs community in Fairfax County, William Garrett graduated from West Potomac High School and attended Northern Virginia Community College; he is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, a 19-year veteran of the Fairfax County Fire Department, William Garrett serves as the station commander for Fire & Rescue Station 11, Penn Daw, one of the county's largest and busiest fire stations: and

WHEREAS, committed to fire prevention and education, William Garrett also participates in the fire department's S.A.F.E. Program, where he gives important fire safety information to third-grade students;

WHEREAS, an active member of the community, William Garrett generously gives of his time and talents as a volunteer for Toys for Tots, a mentor at various elementary schools and the Gum Springs Community Center, and a volunteer counselor at Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his commitment to the Fairfax County Fire Department and the community, William Garrett received the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Company Officer Award in 2008 and the Gum Springs Civic Association "Rising Star" Award in 2009; and

WHEREAS, an able leader and selfless community servant known for his positive influence, William Garrett has worked diligently alongside his fellow firefighters to protect the citizens of Fairfax County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend William A. Garrett on his selection as the 2009 Fairfax County Career Firefighter of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William A. Garrett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his dedication and commitment to the safety of the citizens of Fairfax County.