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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 239

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Commending Hadden Culp.

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WHEREAS, Hadden Culp, who has served the residents of Prince William County with great devotion for more than three decades, retired as the assistant chief and fire marshal of Prince William County's Department of Fire and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, Hadden Culp began his career in firefighting as a volunteer, joining the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue fulltime in 1978 as a back-up driver at Station 13, Hillendale; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Hadden Culp rose through the ranks, holding a variety of positions, including station manager and operations chief, before becoming assistant fire chief and fire marshal; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Hadden Culp has remained focused on doing his best in whatever position he has held, constantly upgrading his skills and serving as an exemplary role model for his fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Hadden Culp traveled to North Carolina and Louisiana after Hurricanes Fran and Katrina struck and supported local firefighters in their efforts to deal with the aftermath of the natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, Hadden Culp and a group of approximately 40 other Prince William County firefighters found themselves at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, Hadden Culp ran into a man carrying the blueprints of the Pentagon and united him with the crews trying to shut down water and electricity for the safety of rescue personnel in the aftermath of the terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, committed to protecting Prince William County's more than 400,000 residents, Hadden Culp took home valuable lessons from his experiences in other states and at the Pentagon that he used to ensure that Prince William County remains prepared for any type of event; and

WHEREAS, mindful of those firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty, Hadden Culp formed Prince William County's Department of Fire and Rescue Service's honor guard, which honors fallen firefighters through participation in the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Weekend; and

WHEREAS, Hadden Culp led the candlelight service for the memorial weekend in 2002 as the nation remembered the 343 firefighters lost when the World Trade Center buildings fell; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Hadden Culp will continue to serve his fellow firefighters as president of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation, raising funds for a Virginia memorial to honor those lost in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding public safety official, Hadden Culp has served the residents of Prince William County with great devotion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hadden Culp for his distinguished service to Prince William County on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hadden Culp as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his commitment to public safety and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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