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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 540

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*Commending the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department.*

Patron—Tyler

WHEREAS, the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department will proudly celebrate 100 years of serving the residents of the Town of Lawrenceville in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lawrenceville, created in 1784 and situated at a crossing of colonial stage coach roads, has long served as the seat of Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lawrenceville grew and prospered over the years, from two churches and 25 dwellings in 1846 to a population of over 300 in 1890; and

WHEREAS, the development of St. Paul's College by James Solomon Russell and the completion of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company terminal and its accompanying shops and offices drew railroad workers and students to the area; and

WHEREAS, by 1910, the population of the Town of Lawrenceville had expanded to 1,733 individuals; the burgeoning population necessitated the construction of a water plant, wastewater system, and electric generating plant; and

WHEREAS, concerned citizens of the Town of Lawrenceville also realized the importance of having their own fire company to protect homes and businesses, resulting in the formation of the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department in 1912; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department has battled fires, responded to emergencies, and provided education on fire safety to local residents, while staying abreast of the latest changes in technology and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the highly trained members of the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department have devoted countless hours to serving the residents of the Town of Lawrenceville with the generous support of community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and appreciation for the department's century of service to the community.

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