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Commending the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department.

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WHEREAS, in 2012 the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department celebrated the 100th anniversary of its establishment in 1912; and

WHEREAS, founded on January 16, 1912, the Dublin Fire Company elected L. T. Dudley as its first fire chief; previously, the Town of Dublin used the bucket brigade system to fight fires by carrying water from local wells and cisterns; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, under fire chief Sam Wilson, the Dublin Fire Company acquired new equipment and was reorganized as the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1949 the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department increased its capabilities to serve the community by acquiring the department's first fire truck and first fire station; and

WHEREAS, elected as fire chief in 1954, R. S. Cecil spent the next three decades enhancing the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department; under his leadership, the department purchased new vehicles and funded the construction of the department's current fire station; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dublin hired its first part-time firefighter in 1978; over the next several years, the department continued to improve by building additions to the fire station; and

WHEREAS, the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department instituted a bi-annual motorcycle fundraiser under fire chief Robert D. Cecil, earning the department enough money to purchase additional new equipment; and

WHEREAS, current fire chief Ronald McClure, elected in 2002 and again in 2004, has guided the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department and continued the department's tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department is an integral part of the Town of Dublin's history, existing for nearly as long as the town since its reincorporation in 1906; in 2012 the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department responded to 326 calls in the town; and

WHEREAS, the highly skilled firefighters of the Dublin Volunteer Fire Department have displayed the utmost professionalism in their mission to keep the residents of the Town of Dublin safe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Dublin 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 Dublin Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the department's diligent service to the community.

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