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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 418

Offered February 14, 2013

*Commending the Madison County Rescue Squad.*

Patrons—Hanger; Delegate: Scott, E.T.

WHEREAS, the Madison County Rescue Squad will proudly celebrate its 50th anniversary of providing outstanding volunteer emergency medical services to the citizens of Madison County and the surrounding communities on October 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1963, a Madison County Jaycees committee held a community meeting that approved the organization of the Madison County Rescue Squad with 25 individuals applying for membership; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the next month, the Madison County Rescue Squad received a 1955 Pontiac ambulance from community member, Carlton Clore, and started a first aid class at the Madison Fire House; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1963, the Madison County Rescue Squad ran its first call for an auto accident at Robinson River Bridge on Route 29; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the Madison County Rescue Squad joined the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads and the following year members taught first aid classes to Greene County Rescue Squad members; also in 1967, a ladies auxiliary was formed to support operations; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Madison County Rescue Squad members continued to receive the latest training, with 25 members completing the first EMT course in 1973 and 17 of those members participating in the first Certified Shock Trauma pilot course offered by the Virginia Department of Health in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the Madison County Rescue Squad purchased cardiac equipment with eight members becoming state certified as EMT-Cardiac in 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Rescue Squad also has encouraged emergency preparedness among local residents and came to the aid of community members following disastrous flooding at Graves Mill and other sections of the County in 1995; and

WHEREAS, for a half-century, the Madison County Rescue Squad has provided outstanding professional care to the residents of Madison County and the surrounding area and was recognized by the Virginia Department of Health in 1993 as the best rescue squad in the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Madison County Rescue Squad on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Madison County Rescue Squad as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the squad's commitment to serving the community.

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