

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 172

Commending Ashby Page Entsminger.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2014
 Agreed to by the Senate, January 30, 2014

WHEREAS, Ashby Page Entsminger has excelled in each of the endeavors that he has undertaken and is a model of community involvement to those in and around Lexington; and

WHEREAS, after his graduation from Effinger High School, Page Entsminger was employed by Lee's Carpets before joining the United States Army; he served as a military policeman in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for two years before returning to his employment with Lee's Carpets; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger was a member of Collierstown Baptist Church and Lexington Baptist Church, serving as an adult Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, and youth director; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger displayed his passion for community involvement to the Lexington Life Saving Crew and became an active member in September 1970; he served in numerous positions of leadership, including captain, training officer, 1st lieutenant training, 1st lieutenant executive, and president, and still maintains his membership; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger exhibited his leadership abilities at the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. (VAVRS), in 1974 when he was elected secretary; in 1977, he was elected president, and he continues to serve the organization in different capacities to this day; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger served a number of terms as chaplain of VAVRS, having enhanced the annual memorial service to its current status; and due to the importance of the office he held, was named chaplain emeritus in September 2013; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger has held numerous training certifications, including Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) lay instructor, CPR instructor, and as a shock trauma technician between 1982 and 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Page Entsminger received Virginia's Outstanding EMT Instructor of the Year award; he was certified as a basic and light duty rescue instructor trainer and received the status as one of the first rescue technicians; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger was also appointed to serve on the Governor's Committee on Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger was awarded life membership in VAVRS in 1981, in the Lexington Life Saving Crew in 1991, and in VAVRS District 1 in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Page Entsminger was selected to be a member of the Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many years as part of the lifesaving and emergency medical services community, Page Entsminger found time to serve his community on the board of directors of Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital and Rockbridge Summer Youth Programs; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger also coached little league baseball and was an instructor/trainer with the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, after a highly successful tenure of community involvement and sacrifice, Page Entsminger continues to be a teacher, mentor, and confidant to many in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Page Entsminger is the father of three children, a grandfather, and husband of 55 years to his wife, Edith; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ashby Page Entsminger for his distinguished service with the Lexington Life Saving Crew and the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads and to the community, which have all benefited citizens throughout the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ashby Page Entsminger as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his many years of service and for his valuable contributions to improving the quality of emergency medical services in the Commonwealth.

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