14104608D HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 266

Offered February 4, 2014

Commending William D. Henderson, Jr.

 Patrons—Ransone; Senator: McDougle

WHEREAS, William D. Henderson, Jr., has served as an emergency medical services volunteer in both the western and eastern parts of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, William Henderson has been a rescue squad volunteer for more than 50 years; in 1963, he began volunteering with the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, William Henderson has responded to thousands of emergency calls to assist ill and injured people in his years as a rescue squad member; and

WHÊRÊAS, in 1995, William Henderson joined the Northumberland County Rescue Squad, eventually responding to more than 50 percent of the squad's total call volume; he has generously devoted countless hours to providing pre-hospital care to many people; and

WHEREAS, William Henderson became a basic life support instructor in 1976; his classes are free of charge, which he has hoped will encourage people to become volunteer emergency medical technicians; and

WHEREAS, William Henderson has provided a valuable service to Northumberland County and to the Commonwealth as a first responder and as an instructor; he teaches life support classes and also offers continuing credit instruction to emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, William Henderson has helped his fellow Virginians with tireless dedication and commitment—often in their time of greatest need—and he has been honored for his service by the City of Charlottesville and the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William D. Henderson, Jr., an esteemed Virginian and dedicated rescue squad volunteer and life support instructor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William D. Henderson, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's great respect and admiration for his many years of providing volunteer emergency medical assistance and teaching first responders in the Commonwealth.