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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 466

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad.*

Patrons—Cline and Garrett; Senator: Garrett

WHEREAS, Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad proudly celebrates 50 years of service to the citizens of Amherst County in August 2014; and

WHEREAS, organized by 16 local citizens of Monroe, Elon, and Madison Heights in 1964, Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad (MVRS) began operations with just one ambulance; and

WHEREAS, with a desire to support and make a difference in the community, charter members of MVRS leveraged personal finances and borrowed \$700 from the Monelison Fire Department in order to establish the squad; and

WHEREAS, with a first aid training foundation that began in 1966, MVRS sought to increase the level of support by joining emergency medical training classes in 1971; and

WHEREAS, by the early 1990s, MVRS added multiple vehicles to its fleet, established a more advanced communication system, and completed building renovations that accommodated the addition of two emergency response boats; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Amherst County added full-time career personnel to MVRS, creating a combination system of working together to provide emergency medical services to the county; and

WHEREAS, today, MVRS operates under the supervision of Captain Vickie Padgett, with seventeen volunteers, three advance life support ambulances, and a first response vehicle; and

WHEREAS, providing life-saving coverage to its citizens, MVRS volunteers are pillars of the community and have provided an invaluable service to the community of Amherst County; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Vickie Padgett, captain of Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and gratitude for its decades of exceptional and selfless service to the Commonwealth.

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