HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

Commending Charles A. Lanfranchi, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 2014

WHEREAS, Charles A. Lanfranchi, Jr., a trooper in the Virginia State Police, exemplified the noble mission of all law-enforcement officers, to protect and serve, through his life-saving actions in the line of duty on June 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, while monitoring the northbound side of Interstate 95 near Dumfries, Charles Lanfranchi and fellow officer Brandon West witnessed a pickup truck crash into a utility pole on the opposing side of the interstate; and

WHEREAS, when the vehicle immediately began to emit smoke, Charles Lanfranchi responded without hesitation, running approximately 150 yards through the underground tunnel connecting the weigh station scale houses on either side of the interstate; and

WHEREAS, after reaching the disabled vehicle, Charles Lanfranchi helped pull the driver to safety, then returned to help rescue the driver's dog; moments afterward, the vehicle became fully engulfed in flames; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Charles Lanfranchi's bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking, the owner of the vehicle survived and has recovered from the incident; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his actions, Charles Lanfranchi received the 2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police and Motorola Trooper of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Charles Lanfranchi's actions illustrate the integrity and devotion to duty displayed by all members of the Virginia State Police and law-enforcement professionals throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Charles A. Lanfranchi, Jr., hereby be commended for his heroic actions in saving the life of a motorist on June 9, 2013; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Charles A. Lanfranchi, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his decisive action in the line of duty and respect for his service.