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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Commending the Newport News and Suffolk Fire Departments.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 6, 2014

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2013, the Newport News and Suffolk Fire Departments responded to the scene of an accident where a tractor-trailer had nearly fallen over the side of the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel; and

WHEREAS, members of the Newport News Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team—an elite unit specializing in complex and dangerous rescue missions—devised a plan to rescue the driver, who was trapped in the truck's cab, which was hanging precariously over the side of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, Scott Dye was strapped into a special harness and lowered from the rescue bucket of a Suffolk Fire Department fire truck; he provided the trapped driver with an additional harness and a life preserver; and

WHEREAS, with rescue boats standing by, firefighters from Newport News pulled the driver from the cab, and they hoisted her to safety on the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News and Suffolk Fire Departments showed a high degree of professionalism in coordinating the rescue effort under unexpected and extreme conditions; and

WHEREAS, the incident is a reminder of the daily dangers bravely faced by first responders in their mission to safeguard the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Newport News and Suffolk Fire Departments hereby be commended for their life-saving efforts in rescuing a truck driver on April 8, 2013; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Newport News and Suffolk Fire Departments as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and respect.

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