

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5204

Commending South Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014

Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, South Hill Volunteer Fire Department has served and safeguarded the lives and property of South Hill and Mecklenburg County residents for 80 years; and

WHEREAS, organized by 10 charter members under Conrad L. Temple, the department's first chief, South Hill Volunteer Fire Department was officially established in 1934; in 1939, the department purchased its first new fire truck, which remains in operation as of 2014; and

WHEREAS, South Hill Volunteer Fire Department built its first fire station in 1939, moved to the municipal building in 1959, and completed construction of its current home at North Lane and Brunswick Avenue in 1979; the station has been upgraded many times to include day rooms, offices, and additional bays; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, South Hill Volunteer Fire Department has cultivated strong relationships with members of the community, and in October 1972, 14 wives met and formed the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to better support the department in its mission to serve local residents; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, South Hill Volunteer Fire Department established the Ernest L. Reeves Life Membership Award, which has been awarded to 25 deserving members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; beginning in 1997, the South Hill Volunteer Fire Department has supported the youth of the community by awarding an annual scholarship in honor of life member James E. Crowder; and

WHEREAS, as a charter member of the Southside Virginia Volunteer Firefighters Association, South Hill Volunteer Fire Department participates in the group's annual competition and has earned the Best All-Around trophy 24 times in 29 years, demonstrating the department's skill and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the 40 dedicated members of South Hill Volunteer Fire Department use the best equipment and the highest quality training to respond to over 450 calls annually, including fires, vehicle accidents, and hazardous material spills, among other emergencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend South Hill Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its 80th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rosser Wells, fire chief of South Hill Volunteer Fire Department, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the department's long tradition of service to the community.

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