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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 687

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Commending the Rappahannock Emergency Medical Services Council.

Patrons—Cole, Bell, John J., Boysko, Byron, Carr, Dudenhefer, Fariss, Freitas, Heretick, Herring, Hester, Hope, Krizek, Lindsey, Mullin, O'Bannon, Orrock, Plum, Rasoul, Simon, Ware, Watts and Webert; Senators: McPike, Reeves, Spruill and Vogel

WHEREAS, for 40 years, the Rappahannock Emergency Medical Services Council, a nonprofit organization based in Fredericksburg, has been an integral part of the Commonwealth's comprehensive emergency medical services system; and

WHEREAS, established in 1976, the Rappahannock Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council facilitates the development and continued operation of a high-quality, dedicated, and coordinated emergency response and preparedness system for Planning Districts 9 and 16; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock EMS Council held its first cardiac technician course in conjunction with Mary Washington Hospital in 1977 and sponsored its first advanced cardiovascular life support system course, the longest-running medical education program in the region, in 1978; and

WHEREAS, today, the Rappahannock EMS Council serves the Counties of Caroline, Culpeper, Fauquier, King George, Orange, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, and Stafford, the City of Fredericksburg, and the Town of Colonial Beach by providing regional training, testing, and informational services; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Rappahannock EMS Council has developed a wide variety of advanced life support and other emergency services training programs; the council coordinates all of the region's emergency medical services test sites, serving more than 3,000 providers; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock EMS Council provides an EMS lending library for agencies, instructors, and hospitals free of charge in order to promote professional development and ongoing education, and it coordinates the development of regional pre-hospital patient care protocols, patient transfer plans, and a regional performance improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the Rappahannock EMS Council has succeeded in its mission thanks to the hard work and dedication of its talented staff and exemplary leadership from the members of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, during its 40-year history, the Rappahannock EMS Council has greatly enhanced the level of EMS training and services in the region and touched the lives of countless community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Rappahannock EMS Council on the occasion of its 40th anniversary in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kevin Dillard, president of the Rappahannock EMS Council, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its decades of valuable contributions to the Commonwealth.

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