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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 927

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Commending the Richmond Ambulance Authority.

Patrons—Carr, Bagby, Bourne, McQuinn and O'Bannon; Senators: Dance and McClellan

WHEREAS, the annual Governor's EMS Awards Program began in 1986 and is administered by the Virginia Department of Health's Office of EMS, in cooperation with the 11 Regional EMS Councils in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the program annually recognizes the outstanding contributions of individuals, agencies, community organizations, and businesses that provide or help support emergency medical care in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Richmond City Council and the City Manager implemented an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system that created the Richmond Ambulance Authority, which has placed the patient first and guaranteed its performance to all city residents; and

WHEREAS, today, the Richmond Ambulance Authority responds to approximately 200 calls per day and transports, on average, 140 patients per day; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Ambulance Authority's emergency response times are among the fastest in the nation, with ambulances on the scene of life-threatening emergencies in less than eight minutes and 59 seconds in more than 90 percent of all responses; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Ambulance Authority is one of only 24 EMS agencies in North America accredited by both the Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services and the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch; the Richmond Ambulance Authority is also an Accredited Dispatch Center in Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Richmond Ambulance Authority on receiving the 2016 Governor's Award for Outstanding EMS Agency; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Richmond Ambulance Authority as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its exemplary services to citizens of the Commonwealth.

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