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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 459

Offered February 23, 2017

Commending the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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WHEREAS, the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad was first organized in 1966 by 17 concerned and dedicated citizens, and opened to receive calls for assistance and answered its first call on Sunday, January 1, 1967; and

WHEREAS, after a number of fundraising efforts, the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad was able to purchase its first vehicle, an International Unit D, with an enclosed area added to transport patients; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1969, the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad signed a 20-year note to purchase property, then built a permanent crew hall for the cost of \$51,735, and paid the note in full on October 1, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad, the first ambulance company in the Town of Woodstock and surrounding area in Shenandoah County, today has 24 volunteer members who operate four ambulances; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad come from all walks of life in Woodstock—teachers, nurses, health professionals, managers, law-enforcement personnel, computer experts, truck drivers, electricians, sales associates, retirees, and career firefighters and emergency medical technicians; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer members of the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad serve a 12-hour shift once a week, take classes, and attend training sessions to maintain and improve their skills, and participate in fundraising activities on behalf of the squad; and

WHEREAS, to assure service to the citizens of the Town of Woodstock and the surrounding areas of Shenandoah County, the career staff of the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad, along with volunteers, staff an ambulance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad traveled millions of miles in the past 50 years, responding to over 69,177 calls for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of the volunteer members of the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad ensures continuous protection for the citizens of Woodstock and saves the taxpayers of Shenandoah County the substantial expense of funding round-the-clock coverage for the service area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad hereby be commended on 50 years of rendering skilled, selfless, dedicated, and invaluable service to the citizens of Woodstock; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the volunteers of the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and gratitude for their half-century of exceptional service.

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