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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 339

Offered January 24, 2017

*Commending Brett R. Bowman.*

Patron—McPike

WHEREAS, Brett R. Bowman retired from being Manassas City Fire Department Chief in 2016, capping a distinguished 42-year career in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Manassas, Brett Bowman began his career as a Manassas volunteer firefighter in 1974, while a student at Osbourn High School, and he continued to volunteer for the Harrisonburg Fire Department while attending James Madison University; and

WHEREAS, after college, Brett Bowman returned home and joined the Prince William County Fire Department and then was hired by the City of Manassas as a firefighter/EMT; and

WHEREAS, even though Brett Bowman joined the private sector and worked in a safety field in the 1980s, he remained dedicated to serving his community as a member of the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Brett Bowman went to work as a lieutenant for the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, where he served in various positions for two decades, ultimately becoming assistant chief; and

WHEREAS, Brett Bowman was hired as Manassas City Fire Department Chief in 2011, and one of the accomplishments of his five-year tenure was bringing all members of the unified department under one Emergency Medical Services license; and

WHEREAS, Brett Bowman is respected and admired by his peers for his professionalism and his leadership, and for four decades he has demonstrated exemplary dedication to the goal of ensuring that citizens of his community get the best possible emergency services; and

WHEREAS, while Brett Bowman will miss the coffee, conversation, and camaraderie with his fellow fire and rescue officers, in retirement he will get to enjoy spending more time with his wife, Linda, and his children, Blake and Brittany, whose support was unwavering during his long career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brett R. Bowman on his retirement as Manassas City Fire Department Chief and his distinguished 42-year career in the fire service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brett R. Bowman as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his steadfast dedication to serving and protecting the citizens of Manassas and Prince William County.

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