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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 343

Offered January 26, 2017

Commending the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department.

Patron—McPike

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding as well as five decades of providing outstanding emergency services to a growing suburban community; and

WHEREAS, the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated in the Commonwealth on October 4, 1967, and the first general membership meeting was held in January 1968; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Ashdale, Birchdale, Darbydale, and Forestdale neighborhoods generously donated approximately \$30,000 to establish the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department began answering calls for service in 1969, and the company's first station, Station 10 on Birchdale Avenue, was opened in June 1969; and

WHEREAS, as Dale City expanded and grew westward, so did the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, which opened Station 13 in 1974, Station 18 in 1992, Station 20 in 2002, and a new Station 10 in 2009, which replaced the original station on Birchdale Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department is composed of approximately 250 dedicated volunteers who are an extremely diverse group of individuals who value giving back to their community; and

WHEREAS, members of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department are information technology specialists, nurses, lawyers, financial managers, police officers, and other professionals committed to providing an unmatched level of emergency service and who are "Second to None"; and

WHEREAS, the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department is one of the most active volunteer emergency services departments in the country with an average call volume of 20,000 runs per year serving the communities of eastern Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, members of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department serve at least one night shift a week and a 45-hour shift every fifth weekend, and members must maintain annual certification requirements and attend career advancement courses; and

WHEREAS, Dale City Volunteer Fire Department members carry out their demanding duties with honor, respect, and integrity, and while each battalion is on duty for an average of 108 hours a month, many members go above and beyond what is required; and

WHEREAS, members of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department are able to do their job only because of the love and support of their families, who make numerous sacrifices to support the operations of the department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department on its 50th anniversary and the five decades of outstanding emergency services it has provided to the residents of eastern Prince William County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Christopher Hool, chief of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the department's 50-year commitment to giving back to the Dale City community.

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