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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 264

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Commending Fred Matthews.

Patrons—Bloxom; Senator: Lewis

WHEREAS, Fred Matthews, a dedicated first responder who served for 31 years as president of the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., retired in 2017 following a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Fred Matthews, known as "Freddie" to many of his friends and colleagues, began his service with the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company in 1970 as a junior member; he later held a variety of positions with the company, including chief engineer, assistant engineer, assistant chief, and vice president; and

WHEREAS, in December 1986, Fred Matthews's extensive experience saw him elected president of the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company; in that role, he helped oversee a department that provides lifesaving services to residents of Accomack and Northampton Counties 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his long tenure with the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, Fred Matthews has also served as chairman of the Accomack County Fire and Rescue Commission, president and vice president of the Accomack-Northampton Firemen's Association, and president, first vice president, and second vice president of the Delmarva Volunteer Firemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, a devoted resident of the Eastern Shore, Fred Matthews also served as an officer with the Parksley Police Department between 1983 and 1989 and was director of public works and zoning administrator for the Town of Parksley between 2001 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Fred Matthews's integrity and dedication to the safety of his community have won him the abiding respect, admiration, and affection of the people he has so ably served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Fred Matthews for his contributions to public safety on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Fred Matthews as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his long and meritorious service to the community.

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