

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

*Commending Martina D. Campbell.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 12, 2018

WHEREAS, Martina D. Campbell, a dedicated first responder who broke down barriers as the first female firefighter in the Suffolk Department of Fire and Rescue, retired in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Martina Campbell grew up in New York and first developed her passion for helping others as a young girl, when she watched a crew of firefighters respond to a damaging blaze at her family home; and

WHEREAS, Martina Campbell moved to Suffolk at age 15 and graduated from John Yeates High School in 1981; after working at Smithfield Packing, she joined the Suffolk Department of Fire and Rescue in 1986, earning the distinction of being the first female firefighter in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, Martina Campbell served in the Suffolk Department of Fire and Rescue for 31 years, aiding countless individuals, families, and businesses in her local community and earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, since her well-earned retirement from firefighting, Martina Campbell has pursued a new passion by enrolling in Stratford University to study culinary arts, baking, and pastries; and

WHEREAS, throughout her trailblazing career, Martina Campbell was steadfast in her commitment to protect the residents of Suffolk; her strength, bravery, and devotion to duty make her an exemplary role model for her fellow firefighters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Martina D. Campbell hereby be commended for her long service to Suffolk and for helping to pave the way for other women to serve their community as first responders; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Martina D. Campbell as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her extraordinary accomplishments and best wishes for continued success in the future.

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