

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 134

Celebrating the life of James Carlton Hudson.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018
 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2018

WHEREAS, James Carlton Hudson, a founding member of the Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad and an icon of the Virginia rescue squad movement for over 60 years, died on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson honorably served his country in the United States Army National Guard during the Korean War and later retired from Norman Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson served the community of Colonial Beach and surrounding areas for over 60 years, including 56 years as an active member of the Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad (CBVRS); and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson began answering medical calls even before there was a rescue squad after he and several others borrowed a pickup truck to transport a neighbor who had fallen from a roof and sustained a broken leg; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson began his official membership in CBVRS after completing the basic first aid course and attaining certification as an emergency medical technician; he was known for assisting in the delivery of 12 babies while transporting their mothers to the nearest hospital; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson served as Captain of CBVRS for 10 years and held every office in the organization for at least three years, with the exception of treasurer and chaplain; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime member of the CBVRS building committee, Carlton Hudson was involved with construction of the squad's original station and its many renovations as well as construction of its current station; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson was instrumental in developing innovative fundraising activities for CBVRS and was also involved with the purchase of every equipment unit between 1952 and 2011, including two station wagons, the first advanced life support unit, four rescue boats, and two crash trucks; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his distinguished service with CBVRS, Carlton Hudson used his wide-ranging experience to assist in the organization of several other rescue squads in Westmoreland, Lancaster, Montross, and Mountain View; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson also found a calling to serve the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) as the District 8 vice president, a member of the District 10 nominating committee, and as the VAVRS sergeant-of-arms; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson was awarded life membership in the VAVRS in 1997 and was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 2013; he was also awarded life membership in District 10; and

WHEREAS, Carlton Hudson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his family, friends, and his peers in the emergency medical services arena; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of James Carlton Hudson, a dedicated first responder who gave many years of exemplary service to the Colonial Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the extended family of James Carlton Hudson, the Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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