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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1077

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending Robert Dryden.

Patrons—LaRock; Senator: Black

WHEREAS, Robert Dryden retired as fire chief of Purcellville's Fire Company 2 in December of 2018, after more than 13 years in the role and 28 years of service with the company safeguarding the lives and property of members of the Purcellville community; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Dryden began his firefighting career in 1989 as a volunteer with the Blue Ridge Fire Company in Clarke County, serving two years before moving to Purcellville where he served 12 years as a volunteer firefighter and two years as the Fire Company 2's assistant fire chief before being elected fire chief in 2005; and

WHEREAS, firefighting is a family tradition for Bob Dryden, whose father served as an assistant fire chief in New Mexico; Bob's wife, Robin Dryden, has also served as a volunteer firefighter for many years, starting out as a volunteer at the Blue Ridge Fire Company, which her father founded, at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as fire chief, Bob Dryden has provided superior leadership, growing the company to more than 100 members, working tirelessly to secure funding and high-quality equipment for the company, serving as an active member of the County Fire Operations Committee, mastering rural water supply techniques to better combat fires in rural areas, and supporting the larger volunteer firefighting community by donating equipment to volunteer companies in need; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dryden acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the many people, including volunteer firefighters and members of the Purcellville community, who contribute to Fire Company 2's success in providing high-quality service to the community; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Bob Dryden will seek new opportunities to serve the Purcellville community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robert Dryden on the occasion of his retirement as fire chief of Purcellville's Fire Company 2; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Dryden as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration of his lengthy service and dedication to the Purcellville community.

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