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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 922

Offered February 12, 2019

Commending the Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Communications Center.

Patrons—Webert, Cole and Guzman; Senator: Vogel

WHEREAS, on October 18, 1991, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors and the Warrenton Town Council approved an agreement for the establishment and operation of a Joint Dispatch Center to become effective on July 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1992, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors approved the E-911 Implementation Program with the understanding that development of sub-tasks for each of the 17 tasks contained therein would be brought back to the board for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier E-911 Steering Committee members, including Chuck Thompson, Joe Higgs, Ann Nelson, Tom Reese, Dale Koglin, Richard Sanders, Billy Jenkins, Steve Ross, Jim Boarland, Tina Ross, Jim Minihan, and Bob Schotta, were tasked with development of a plan for the establishment of a consolidated Warrenton-Fauquier Emergency Services Dispatch Center, the implementation of an updated street name and number system, and the establishment of a position to manage all county communication, to include the Emergency Services Dispatch Center; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 1994, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors voted to change the name of the Emergency Services Dispatch Center to the Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Communications Center after citing the antiquity of the term dispatch; and

WHEREAS, at 3:05 p.m. on December 30, 1994, the first 9-1-1 call was received, reporting a traffic hazard of cows in the road near Remington; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Emergency Communications Center became the Emergency Communications Division of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Communications Division is authorized to staff 28 emergency communications positions, including a communications manager, training coordinator, accounting specialist, radio manager, and four administrative positions; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Emergency Communications Division processed 24,450 9-1-1 calls and 77,300 calls through non-emergency lines, and received a meritorious unit award for its exceptional response to Winter Storm Riley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Emergency Communications Center on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Emergency Communications Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the center's contributions to making Fauquier County and Warrenton safer and better places to live.

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