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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 432

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2 3 Commending the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department. 4

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6 WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department earned a 2018 Achievement Award 7 from the National Association of Counties for creating the Loudoun County Metrorail Training 8 Simulator to help local first responders better prepare for emergency situations; and

9 WHEREAS, the Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties recognize 10 organizations like the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department that have helped make county governments more efficient or helped increase services to residents; and 11

WHEREAS, with the impending completion of the Washington Metro Silver Line, the Loudoun 12 13 County Fire and Rescue Department identified the need for a specialized training facility to prepare first 14 responders to safely and effectively respond to unique emergency situations related to the Metrorail; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department researched and constructed a 95-foot 15 16 replica of a railcar track and worked with the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Critical Infrastructure, which donated two decommissioned 1000-series railcars; and 17

WHEREAS, located at the Oliver Robert Dubé Fire and Rescue Training Academy in Leesburg, the 18 19 Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department's Metrorail Training Simulator is the only such simulator 20 in the region and provides a realistic training environment for multi-agency drills incorporating other 21 local public safety departments; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department 23 hereby be commended on receiving a 2018 Achievement Award for creating the Loudoun County 24 Metrorail Training Simulator; and, be it

25 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department as an expression of the House of 26 27 Delegates' admiration for its accomplishments in service to Loudoun County.

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