

2019 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 308

Commending the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 17, 2019

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department earned accolades for its use of innovative and cutting-edge drone equipment, receiving a 2018 Achievement Award from the Virginia Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department is utilizing a drone to operate Project Lifesaver, an electronic-based locating system for people with medical conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, autism, or other conditions, who have a tendency to wander from home and get lost; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department's Lockheed Martin Indago drone can also carry infrared and high resolution cameras to help in search and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department's Search and Rescue Team received national attention when, in 2017, it used the drone to find a missing 92-year-old hunter in a heavily wooded area in Shenandoah County, using thermal imagers and the drone to search the area; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department was the first law-enforcement agency in Virginia and the sixth in the United States to have a drone equipped with a Project Lifesaver antenna; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department for acquiring and utilizing innovative and cutting-edge drone equipment, and for receiving a 2018 Achievement Award from the Virginia Association of Counties; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its use of innovative technologies to solve unique challenges and help the community.

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