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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 297

Offered February 21, 2020

Commending the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department.

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28 29 WHEREAS, the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department in Caroline County celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the first step toward the creation of the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department was a meeting at Bowie's Restaurant in Lorne on February 12, 1969, where 30 individuals met to discuss plans for establishing a volunteer fire department in the Dawn/Lorne area of the Reedy Church district in Caroline County; and

WHEREAS, incorporated on May 14, 1969, the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department responded to its first official fire call at Sutton's Garage on August 4, 1969, with a 1947 Ford Pumper loaned by the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, as one of eight volunteer fire departments in Caroline County, the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department is an important part of Caroline County's emergency response effort and ensures residents in the southwest portions of the county receive prompt and efficient services; and

WHEREAS, the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department's station on U.S. 301 just north of State Route 30 has long been the hub of the unincorporated community of Frog Level; and

WHEREAS, the annual Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department Festival and Parade, which raises money to support the department, has been a cherished Frog Level tradition since 1969; and

WHEREAS, staffed and supported by members of the Frog Level community, the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department has ensured the safety and security of Caroline County residents for the past half-century and become an invaluable institution in the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Charles Griffin, chief of the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and appreciation for the department's service to Caroline County and the Commonwealth.