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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 301

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Commending Edwin L. Allen, Jr.

Patrons—Orrock, Cole, J.G. and Cole, M.L.; Senators: Reeves and Stuart

WHEREAS, in 2020, Edwin L. Allen, Jr., retires as the chief of the Fredericksburg Fire Department with more than 45 years of diligent service as a public safety officer; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Allen fulfilled his childhood dream to serve the community as a firefighter when he joined the Fredericksburg Fire Department in 1974; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Edwin Allen witnessed significant changes, both in the needs of the community and in firefighting procedures; he helped the department transition into an all-hazards department that responds to medical emergencies and other crisis situations, as well as fires; and

WHEREAS, during his 16-year tenure as chief, Edwin Allen worked to ensure that the firefighters under his command had the best tools, techniques, and training to achieve their mission and that the department was prepared to coordinate emergency management for the city when called upon; and

WHEREAS, under Edwin Allen's leadership, the Fredericksburg Fire Department has provided exceptional, specialized service through its emergency medical services team, confined space rescue and hazardous materials response team, and diving and underwater rescue team; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Allen leaves the Fredericksburg Fire Department well-poised to continue safeguarding the lives and property of community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Edwin L. Allen, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Fredericksburg Fire Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Edwin L. Allen, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding service to the Fredericksburg community.

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