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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 405

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Odell Tate.

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Patrons—Marshall and Adams, L.R.; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Odell Tate, a longtime member and chaplain of the Danville Life Saving Crew, celebrated 50 years of service with the organization in 2019; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for quality, responsive first aid care in the Danville community, Odell Tate joined the Danville Life Saving Crew in 1969 to enhance his ability to serve others; and

WHEREAS, shortly after joining the Danville Life Saving Crew, Odell Tate helped the team refurbish a former bread truck into an ambulance, demonstrating a resourcefulness that has been invaluable to the organization for many years; and

WHEREAS, Odell Tate was among the first members of the Danville Life Saving Crew to take an emergency medical technician course, displaying his steadfast drive to provide the best possible first aid care and emergency services to his community; and

WHEREAS, Odell Tate became a paramedic in the mid-1990s, continuing to develop his skills as a medical professional for the benefit of his patients and those he served; and

WHEREAS, since the 1970s, Odell Tate has acted as chaplain of the Danville Life Saving Crew, aiding its members through the many spiritual challenges and tribulations they face on a daily basis while responding to the region's emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Odell Tate has exhibited exceptional leadership, dedication, and service as a member of the Danville Life Saving Crew, furthering the organization's efforts and the impact it has on the community in countless ways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Odell Tate, member and chaplain of the Danville Life Saving Crew, on the occasion of his 50th year with the organization; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Odell Tate as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many years of service and passion for aiding citizens of the Commonwealth.