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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27**

Offered January 20, 2020

Commending the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Patron—Knight

WHEREAS, the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad was honored as the 2019 Volunteer EMS Service of the Year by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians; and

WHEREAS, in operation since 1947, the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad currently serves over 450,000 residents in the Princess Anne, General Booth, Red Mill, and Salem areas of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, as one of 10 volunteer rescue squads in Virginia Beach, the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad is an important part of the city's emergency response effort; and

WHEREAS, the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad is staffed by 110 members across two stations, providing approximately 50,000 volunteer hours and answering 5,000 calls per year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to responding in the event of medical emergencies, the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad serves the community by providing medical assistance at major public events and attractions; and

WHEREAS, the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad contributes to the community's emergency readiness by providing safety and first aid education at schools and civic organizations, including Stop the Bleed programs and CPR certification courses; and

WHEREAS, in spite of enduring unimaginable tragedy as first responders to the Virginia Beach mass shooting in May 2019, the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad remains steadfast in its dedication to serving the community; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad have helped thousands in Virginia Beach and ensured the safety of countless more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad hereby be commended for its distinction as the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians' 2019 Volunteer EMS Service of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for the program's dedication to Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth.