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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 774

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Commending the Danville Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc.

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

WHEREAS, the Danville Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., an emergency medical services organization that has long served residents of the City of Danville, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., commonly known as the Danville Life Saving Crew, held its first official meeting on September 18, 1945, and within a year had received its charter, chosen its first captain, and responded to its first emergency call; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Life Saving Crew has transformed considerably over the past 75 years, acquiring its first transport vehicle in 1953, building its headquarters at Clayton T. Lester Crew Hall in 1966, developing a 9-1-1 system in the 1980s, and opening its training center and Northside Station in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Danville Life Saving Crew was staffed by more than 100 volunteers, including 20 advanced-certified emergency medical technicians, the highest certification that indicates one has more than 800 hours of training and in-depth knowledge of medical, trauma, pediatric, and psychiatric emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Life Saving Crew was recently designated the first responder for every 9-1-1 emergency medical services (EMS) call in the City of Danville and answered more than 15,000 calls in 2020; and

WHEREAS, along with standard EMS operations, the Danville Life Saving Crew provides specialized services including a dive and swift water rescue team, an extrication team, drone operators, and an in-home community paramedicine program, enhancing its ability to serve the residents of Danville and Pittsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Danville Life Saving Crew have been made possible through the dedication of its members, from the 12 charter members in 1945 to the many hundreds of volunteers who have given so generously of their time, talent, expertise, and energy since; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Danville Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Price, president of the Danville Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's high esteem and admiration for the organization's inspirational service to the Commonwealth.

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