

## 2022 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

*Commending amateur radio operators in Virginia.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 2022

Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2022

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators have been instrumental in serving the United States and the Commonwealth by consistently providing support for emergency response and other critical communication needs; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators provide excellent volunteer emergency communications for many agencies during natural disasters or other crisis events, including the National Weather Service, state and local emergency management departments, the Virginia Department of Health, the American Red Cross, and the Central United States Earthquake Consortium; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators in Virginia have demonstrated their vital importance to emergency response during floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes in both the Commonwealth and neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators study and train diligently to learn how to properly interface with the Virginia Emergency Management Department as well as local emergency agencies during crisis events and serve as a backup communications system; and

WHEREAS, some amateur radio operators have trained as weather spotters for severe weather events and have assisted the National Weather Service by contributing to ground activity reports which have saved lives across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators use their communications skills to assist with shelter alerts and during rescue and relief activities, helping to keep their neighbors and all Virginians safer; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators also assist with communications for public events such as bicycle rides, walks, races, airshows, and parades; and

WHEREAS, through continuous learning and experimentation, amateur radio operators have helped to advance the science of electronics and radio communications; and

WHEREAS, through educational courses and hands-on demonstrations, amateur radio operators have inspired young people to pursue hobbies and careers in radio and electronics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend amateur radio operators in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to amateur radio operators in Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their legacy of contributions to communities throughout the Commonwealth.

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