

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 598

*Commending Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2023

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023

WHEREAS, in addition to providing outstanding fire and rescue services, Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company strives to enhance community life in Locust Grove through a number of outreach programs, including an annual food drive; and

WHEREAS, established in 1971 with eight original members, Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company has grown to comprise 150 highly trained firefighters, who in 2021 responded to more than 800 calls for service in Locust Grove, Germanna, and eastern Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company stays engaged with members of the public through risk reduction events to raise fire safety awareness and strives to enhance the quality of life in the region through community service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company collected more than 1,840 pounds of food during its annual food drive to benefit the Wilderness Food Pantry; the company also collected monetary donations for the food pantry totaling more than \$1,750; and

WHEREAS, Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company fulfilled its mission to reduce food insecurity during the holiday season through the generosity of local residents and community partners, including the Walmart Supercenter and Food Lion in Locust Grove; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company for its work to support members of the community in need through its annual food drive and other outreach programs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's exceptional service to the community.

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