

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 493

*Commending Meaghan Gruber.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, Meaghan Gruber, an esteemed firefighter with the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, was named the 2022 Virginia Firefighter of the Year by Governor Glenn A. Youngkin as a part of the Governor's Fire Service Awards; and

WHEREAS, established in 2002, the Governor's Fire Service Awards honor excellence in Virginia's fire service and are facilitated by the Department of Fire Programs in collaboration with the Virginia Fire Services Board; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, Meaghan Gruber responded to several key critical incidents in the past year in an efficient and effective manner, leading to the protection of lives and property in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, during a fire in Purcellville this year, Meaghan Gruber's quick and decisive actions saved the lives of her captain, who had made a mayday call due to low air, and a 15-year-old girl, who she had located in a second floor bedroom during the incident; and

WHEREAS, Meaghan Gruber's heroism and service have earned her recognition through awards such as Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System's CPR-Life Saving Award, also known as the Walking Heart Award; and

WHEREAS, Meaghan Gruber has championed the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System over the years and always seeks to positively impact those around her, both in the community and in her fire rescue family; and

WHEREAS, outside of shift work, Meaghan Gruber routinely volunteers to help train the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System's career and volunteer recruits, demonstrating a passion for helping others develop their careers in the fire service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Meaghan Gruber, a distinguished member of the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, hereby be commended for being named the 2022 Virginia Firefighter 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 Meaghan Gruber as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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