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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 833

Offered February 3, 1999

*Commending the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department.*

Patrons—Armstrong and Day; Senator: Reynolds

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department was initially formed in 1891 and continued as a volunteer unit until 1936, when the first paid fire department was established in Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 1949, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department was re-established and within a month was assisting the Fire Department and answering fire calls; and

WHEREAS, since its beginning with 35 volunteers in 1949, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department has been staffed by more than 300 citizen-volunteers and through November 1998, the volunteers have assisted in more than 1,700 fire and emergency calls and saved property valued at nearly \$6 million; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department has participated in all of the major fires in Martinsville over the years, assisting the Martinsville Fire Department in saving lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department have raised funds for a salvage truck, one of the most modern in the fire service, and various needed auxiliary equipment for the fire service; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department was instrumental in the City of Martinsville's nationwide recognition for its fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, for a half-century, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department has been a vital part of its community, protecting life and property and adding immeasurably to the quality of life in Martinsville; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its golden anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for its many contributions to the Martinsville community.

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