

# 1999 SESSION

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 833

*Commending the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 5, 1999

Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 1999

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

WHEREAS, on September 7, 1949, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department was reestablished and within a month was assisting the Fire Department in 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 salvaged property valued at nearly \$6 million; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department has participated in all major fires in Martinsville over the years, resulting in lives and property saved; and

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