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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 478

Offered March 4, 2002

Commending the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team.

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WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists launched a violent attack on the United States, causing great destruction and horrible human suffering in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the attack had a devastating effect in Virginia, home of the Pentagon and of many of the personnel, military and civilian, who served there; and

WHEREAS, firefighters from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department were among the first responders to the scene of the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, assisting in efforts to rescue victims, extinguish the fires, and stabilize the building; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department who were familiar with the New York City area also volunteered their services at the World Trade Center site; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team was dispatched to the Pentagon in the early afternoon of September 11 and assisted in the early and crucial period of search and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2001, more than a week after the attacks, the members of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team were relieved by teams from Virginia Beach and Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team performed with great courage, dedication, and professionalism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team for their immediate reaction to the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team as an expression of the admiration and gratitude of the General Assembly.

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