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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 376

Offered February 26, 2014

*Commending Melinda Duncan.*

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WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan has announced her retirement, after more than 23 years as executive director of the Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, and was also their administrative assistant/field coordinator prior to becoming the executive director; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan was tasked with developing, implementing, and coordinating a model emergency medical services (EMS) system serving Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan, during her tenure, served as an effective liaison with federal, state, and regional governments and both private and public organizations and associations in EMS planning and operations; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan maintained a professional and efficient office for those covered by the Northern Virginia EMS Council; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan served in many capacities related to disaster management, including as a member of the NIMS National Emergency Responder Credentialing System workgroup, the National Capital Region Health and Medical working group, and the Governor's EMS Advisory Board's EMS Emergency Management Committee, and she served on numerous other committees relating to EMS and disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan held numerous certifications, including emergency medical technician instructor and basic trauma life support instructor, and she was also an adjunct instructor for the George Washington University EMS degree program; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan served the Virginia EMS system as a member of the Governor's EMS Advisory Board's Human Resources and Training Committee, which included continuing education, practical development, and other subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan served as a volunteer member of the Evergreen Volunteer Fire and Rescue, having served as assistant chief - EMS, captain of EMS, and lieutenant of rescue; she received the Rookie of the Year and Rescue Person of the Year award and was also given the organization's Life Membership award; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan also served as chairwoman of the Regional EMS Council's Directors Group from 1993 to 1997 and just recently passed the books to her replacement as their treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Duncan graduated summa cum laude from Strayer University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in business administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Melinda Duncan for her distinguished service with the Northern Virginia EMS Council and all her other activities, which have benefited citizens throughout the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Melinda Duncan as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her many years of service and for her valuable contributions to improving the quality of emergency medical services in the Commonwealth.

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