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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79

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Commending Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 63.

Patrons—Helsel; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 63, based in Poquoson, celebrated its 50th anniversary in June 2013; and

WHEREAS, Flotilla 63 is comprised of 54 volunteer members who spend countless hours ensuring the safety of local boaters; and

WHEREAS, in addition to protecting locals, Flotilla 63 helps the Coast Guard with boater education, vessel safety inspections, and search-and-rescue missions, logging over 188,000 service hours since 2001; and

WHEREAS, committed to giving back to their country, many Flotilla 63 members have risen through the ranks of the Coast Guard auxiliary to serve at state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, a Flotilla 63 member for 34 years, Everette Tucker served as district commodore in 1986 and 1987, and as national commodore from 1997 to 1998 and again from 1999 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, Gary Derby, another Flotilla 63 member reaching state levels, served as district captain for Sector Hampton Roads, which encompasses the entire State of Virginia, from 2011 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, providing assistance for active duty Coast Guard members, Flotilla 63 has helped save lives and provided support during maritime emergencies; and

WHEREAS, crediting its longevity and success to the dedication of its members, Flotilla 63 has helped protect the waters surrounding Poquoson for 50 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 63 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Linda Jennings, commander of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 63, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for its decades of service to the City of Poquoson and the Commonwealth.

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