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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 133

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Commending Kelly Brice Walters.

Patrons—Rush; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, in the more than 80-year history of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, few individuals have shown the dedication, loyalty, commitment, and leadership of Kelly Brice Walters; and

WHEREAS, after completing high school and working in different careers, Kelly Walters began serving Montgomery County as chief animal control officer, retiring after 19 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Kelly Walters joined the Christiansburg Life Saving and First Aid Crew, where he served as treasurer, first and second lieutenant, captain, and president of the Board of Directors; he also served as chair of every crew committee and assisted in the design of new ambulances; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Walters was appointed by the town council as the first full-time, paid captain of the Christiansburg Rescue Squad on September 1, 2001; over the course of his career, he worked over 80 hours weekly and answered over 1,200 calls for assistance annually, and in 2002, he completed his emergency technician certification at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Walters became active in the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS), serving terms as treasurer and vice president in District 7, and he remains active within the district; in 1979, he was elected to the status of life member of the VAVRS; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Walters served on numerous committees for the VAVRS; he was elected vice president and served for two years and then was elected president and served from 1985 to 1987 and continues being active within the association; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Walters has remained active in his community, serving as a member of the Fire and Rescue Task Force and the Christiansburg and Montgomery County Emergency Planning Committee, and

WHEREAS, in February 2011, Kelly Walters became one of the founding charter members of the Riner Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he serves on the board of directors and as its representative to the VAVRS; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Walters was a devoted husband and caregiver to his wife Virginia until her passing in 2013; and

WHEREAS, in September 2003, Kelly Walters was elected by his peers in VAVRS to the Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame; on September 12, 2011, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors recognized him for his 47 years of service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kelly Brice Walters for his distinguished and unwavering service to the citizens of Christiansburg, Montgomery County, and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kelly Brice Walters as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many years of service and for his dedication and contributions to the emergency medical services movement, his family, friends, and those he has come in contact with, as a true example of those who give and expect nothing in return as citizens of the Commonwealth and the United States.

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