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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98

Offered January 27, 2016

Commending Kenbridge Emergency Squad.

Patrons—Wright and Tyler

WHEREAS, Kenbridge Emergency Squad has safeguarded the members of the Lunenburg County community for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, a group of concerned citizens established Kenbridge Emergency Squad to better serve their fellow residents; they trained with first responders in nearby communities and the Virginia State Police; and

WHEREAS, Kenbridge Emergency Squad was in the process of fundraising for a new ambulance when Edward J. Silverman suggested holding a race with proceeds benefiting the squad; the race became known as the Jackass Derby and has been a popular local tradition since its inception; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Kenbridge Emergency Squad purchased its first vehicle and completed its first station one year later; the squad later purchased a carryall ambulance to comply with state regulations and continually expanded its fleet of ambulances over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary of Kenbridge Emergency Squad also formed in the 1960s; in addition to raising funds to help pay for equipment, the members of the auxiliary completed Red Cross first aid training to assist squad members when necessary; and

WHEREAS, Kenbridge Emergency Squad worked with the local fire department in the 1980s to procure a heavy-duty rescue truck, which could carry a variety of lifesaving equipment and first aid supplies; the squad purchased its first box-type ambulance in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Kenbridge Emergency Squad established a junior squad, which later donated \$2,000 toward the construction of a modern station; the new station features innovative equipment to ensure that the Kenbridge Emergency Squad is able to continue providing exceptional service to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Kenbridge Emergency Squad hereby be commended 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 Kenbridge Emergency Squad as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its contributions to the Lunenburg County community.

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