

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 244

Commending the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 12, 2017
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company celebrated 50 years of providing emergency services to the residents of Loudoun County in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company, formerly known as the Sterling Park Volunteer Fire Company, was chartered on August 16, 1966; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Loudoun County Combined Fire-Rescue System, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company has a call area of approximately 25 square miles and provides fire suppression services to over 90,000 residents, including those in Sterling, Great Falls Forest, Broad Run Farms, Countryside, Sugarland Run, and Cascades; and

WHEREAS, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company is based out of three fire stations and responds to more than 4,200 calls annually, making it one of the busiest volunteer fire companies in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the well-trained members of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company respond to a vast variety of situations using four fire engines, three ladder trucks, two special emergency response vehicles, and two command units; and

WHEREAS, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company routinely assists surrounding counties with fire suppression support and has provided assistance during national emergencies, such as the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and New York City, and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, members of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company are constantly honing their skills, spending countless hours training to maintain certifications in firefighting, emergency medical services, and technical rescue; and

WHEREAS, the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company Honor Guard represents positively the company and Loudoun County at events across the Commonwealth and the country; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company embody the selflessness, bravery, integrity, and commitment to safety displayed by fire fighters and first responders throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company on 50 years of protecting the lives and property of those who not only live in but also visit Loudoun County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Short, Chief of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's outstanding service to the community, the Commonwealth, and the country.