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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 362

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Commending the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, a first responder unit in Fairfax County whose members have provided outstanding service to the community, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department traces its origins to 1942, when a group of 16 concerned citizens met at the home of local resident Merle Clifford to discuss the formation of a fire company; Clifford later served as the department's first chief, and his service station, Clifford's Garage, was used as a makeshift headquarters; and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of resources, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was initially an auxiliary unit of the nearby Vienna Volunteer Fire Department; it became its own department in 1947; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department moved into its current station; the building later underwent an extensive renovation in 1989 as the department added staff to meet the needs of its growing community; and

WHEREAS, today, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department has grown into a vital community organization that includes seven full-time Fairfax County staff and 87 members who operate two fire engines, two ambulances, and a truck; and

WHEREAS, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department's volunteer emergency medical technicians and firefighters come from all walks of life and include students, accountants, nurses, and executives; and

WHEREAS, between July 2016 and June 2017, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department responded to over 5,000 calls, 70 percent of which were medical calls; and

WHEREAS, along with hosting bingo games to raise funds, the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department connects with the community through open houses, Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs, door-to-door safety education programs, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, providing life-saving support 24 hours a day, the dedicated and well-trained members of the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department are pillars of their local community who regularly put themselves in harm's way in service to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its long and meritorious service to the Dunn Loring community.

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