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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1065

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Patrons—Adams, L.R., Marshall and Poindexter; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, for 50 years, the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad has provided high-quality emergency medical care and rescue services to the residents of Henry County; and

WHEREAS, the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad traces its roots to the formation of the Fieldale branch of the Martinsville-Henry County Life Saving and First Aid Crew with 11 members in 1966; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Fieldale Sanitary District Board purchased an ambulance for the Fieldale branch with the stipulation that it reorganize into an independent agency, and as a result, the Fieldale Volunteer Rescue Squad was officially chartered in September of that year, with Foster Copeland as the first captain; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the organization reincorporated as the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad to better reflect its expanded coverage area and moved to a new station on South Daniels Creek Road; and

WHEREAS, the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad made history in 1980 as the first rescue squad in Henry County to allow women to join as full-time members and was also the first squad in the county to strengthen its finances by transitioning to a soft billing system; and

WHEREAS, the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad set another example for local rescue squads by creating a college scholarship program for the children of active members; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad has adapted to numerous changes in the field of emergency medicine, such as increased training requirements, and the squad has always strived to lead the county in the adoption of new techniques and modern equipment; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2018, the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad hosted a celebration for current and former members to reflect on the squad's numerous milestones and the rich history of the Henry County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad 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 the Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the squad's contributions toward making Henry County a better, safer place to live.

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