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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 234

Offered February 17, 2020

*Commending Kenneth Neal Turner.*

Patrons—Hurst, McNamara and Rush; Senators: Edwards and Suetterlein

WHEREAS, Kenneth Neal Turner, longtime emergency services coordinator for Montgomery County, retired on February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Christiansburg, Neal Turner has served Montgomery County for 33 years; as head of the Emergency Services Department, he oversaw the county's efforts to plan for and respond to incidents resulting from natural and man-made disasters and major emergencies; and

WHEREAS, coordinating between law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, rescue squads, and other emergency response operations, Neal Turner was instrumental to ensuring the safety and security of citizens in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, for his years of compassionate and dedicated service, the Virginia Emergency Management Association recognized Neal Turner with its Stanley Everett Crigger Humanitarian Award in 2015 and its President's Award the following year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., presented Neal Turner with the Benny Summerlin Award for Service to Local Government, distinguishing his years of service on behalf of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, a life member of the Christiansburg Rescue Squad, with a period of service spanning over four decades, and a charter life member of the Riner Volunteer Rescue Squad, Neal Turner has spent many years on the front lines, providing emergency response and disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these efforts, Neal Turner was honored in 2008 with an honorary membership to the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad and in 2014 with a certification of appreciation from the Riner Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Neal Turner's tireless efforts and inspiring commitment have safeguarded residents of Montgomery County for many years and provided a model which all emergency service professionals may aspire toward; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kenneth Neal Turner, esteemed emergency services coordinator for Montgomery County, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kenneth Neal Turner as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his extraordinary contributions to Montgomery County and the Commonwealth.

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