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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19**

Offered February 4, 2020

Commending George Michael Brent.

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WHEREAS, George Michael Brent retired as chief of the Fluvanna County Volunteer Fire Department after more than three decades of exceptional leadership; and

WHEREAS, Michael "Mike" Brent began his career as a firefighter in 1977 with Palmyra Volunteer Fire Company, one of the three divisions of the Fluvanna County Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, quickly rising through the ranks, Mike Brent was elected by his peers as chief of the Fluvanna County Volunteer Fire Department in 1987 and ably managed dozens of firefighters in Palmyra, Fork Union, and Kent's Store over the next 32 years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chief, Mike Brent worked tirelessly to ensure that his volunteers had the tools and training to deliver effective fire suppression and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brent oversaw the completion of three state-of-the-art firehouses and created a capital improvements plan for new pieces of apparatus; he also helped establish the Fluvanna County Fire and Rescue Association to better coordinate with other local agencies; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement as chief of the department, Mike Brent returned to Palmyra Volunteer Fire Company, where he will continue to offer his expertise as a volunteer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That George Michael Brent hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Fluvanna County Volunteer Fire Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to George Michael Brent as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his diligent service to the residents of Fluvanna County.