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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 682

Offered February 1, 2021

Commending Bobby Hill.

Patrons—Convirs-Fowler, Adams, D.M., Ayala, Carr, Cole, J.G., Cole, M.L., Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Kory, Mugler, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds and Ware; Senators: Boysko, Howell, Reeves, Spruill and Stanley

WHEREAS, Bobby Hill, recruitment coordinator for the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation, who has supported the City of Virginia Beach's emergency medical services and rescue operations for more than a half-century, retired in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Hill began volunteering with the City of Virginia Beach's Department of Emergency Medical Services in 1968 as a member of the Davis Corner Volunteer Rescue Squad, later transferring to the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1972; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 the City of Virginia Beach's Department of Emergency Medical Services initiated a long-term strategic collaboration with the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation to develop and implement a comprehensive recruitment plan; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Hill invested his time and energy into this collaboration from the beginning and was hired as the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation's recruitment coordinator in 2009; and

WHEREAS, for the past 11 years, Bobby Hill was highly involved in every aspect of the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation's recruitment efforts, including marketing strategies, radio broadcasts, social media campaigns, the foundation's website, and countless job fairs and outreach events; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Bobby Hill's tireless dedication, the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation has recruited hundreds of well-qualified individuals to volunteer their time to assist the City of Virginia Beach's fire and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation, Bobby Hill was honored with the organization's Virginia Gilpin Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Hill has supported fire and emergency medical services units throughout the Commonwealth through his involvement with the Virginia Fire-EMS Recruitment Retention Network and the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his volunteer service, Bobby Hill has served the City of Virginia Beach in various professional roles and retired as chief magistrate of Virginia Beach in 2009; and

WHEREAS, over the past half-century, Bobby Hill has remained steadfastly committed and unwaveringly loyal to both the Virginia Beach volunteer emergency medical services system and volunteer fire and rescue squads throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bobby Hill, an esteemed recruitment coordinator for the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation, 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 Bobby Hill as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for his innumerable contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for a long and fulfilling retirement.