

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 701

Commending Richard W. Harris.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 2, 2021

WHEREAS, Richard W. Harris has served the Kenbridge community for more than five decades as a firefighter and as longtime chief of the Kenbridge Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Dickie" W. Harris joined the Kenbridge Fire Department in September 1964 and was selected as chief after only five years of service; he led the department from 1969 to 1999 and again from 2001 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chief, Dickie Harris worked to ensure that the firefighters under his command received the finest equipment and training to better serve and safeguard the members of the Kenbridge community; and

WHEREAS, Dickie Harris helped establish a new town fire code and oversaw the construction of a fire station and the acquisition of 15 fire trucks, several sets of turnout gear, and new communications systems; and

WHEREAS, Dickie Harris was a member of the Virginia Fire Service Council for more than 40 years, and he volunteered his wisdom and expertise to many regional and state firefighting organizations, including as a four-term president of the Virginia State Firefighters Association, a two-time chair of the Virginia Fire Services Board, and secretary of the Southside Virginia Volunteer Firefighters Association; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his long career, Dickie Harris served generations of Kenbridge residents and inspired countless young firefighters and other public safety officials through his dedication to duty and commitment to excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Richard W. Harris hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Kenbridge Fire Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard W. Harris as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his legacy of service to the Kenbridge community.

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