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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 165

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*Commending the Richmond Ambulance Authority.*

Patrons—Bagby; Senator: McClellan

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2021, the Richmond Ambulance Authority celebrated its 30th anniversary of providing equitable, state-of-the-art ambulance services for emergency and non-emergency medical incidents to the Richmond community; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Richmond community faced a dire crisis in the delivery of emergency and non-emergency medical services because ambulance companies operating in the city at the time often put profits ahead of people, delivering poor-quality care and refusing to serve some city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Virginia General Assembly authorized the creation of the Richmond Ambulance Authority to provide emergency and non-emergency medical services within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond established the Richmond Ambulance Authority as a political subdivision and authorized it to deliver high-quality patient care throughout the city in an efficient, cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Ambulance Authority has earned a high reputation for excellence at the national and international levels, and it has been called upon to train and mentor other service providers around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Ambulance Authority responds to more than 70,000 calls for service each year and transports nearly 50,000 patients; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Ambulance Authority's average response time to a life-threatening emergency is under six minutes, and the organization consistently benchmarks its performance against national and international EMS agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Ambulance Authority is one of an elite few EMS agencies in the United States accredited by both the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services and the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Ambulance Authority continues to participate in cutting-edge studies and clinical research to help advance protocols and standards for the overall improvement of patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the organization's 30-year history, the men and women of the Richmond Ambulance Authority have dedicated their time and talents and made numerous personal sacrifices to provide the highest quality service to Richmond residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Richmond Ambulance Authority on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Richmond Ambulance Authority as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its decades of service to the Richmond community.

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