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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 625

Offered April 20, 2022

*Commending the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department.*

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WHEREAS, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department, which has greatly served the community through its commitment to protecting people and property in the Town of Kilmarnock, celebrated its 90th anniversary in February 2022; and

WHEREAS, after groups of volunteers had informally battled local fires for some time, 12 charter members established the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department on February 15, 1932, with Carroll Saunders serving as the department's first chief; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department was the only fire station in the nearby area, relying solely on departments several miles away in Colonial Beach, West Point, and Tappahannock when it needed backup; and

WHEREAS, over the past 90 years, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department has consistently updated its equipment and operations to address the greater number and complexity of calls it receives; and

WHEREAS, with a current active roster of 39 members, including three junior members, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department has more than tripled in size since its founding, allowing the department to adequately respond to the approximately 180 to 200 calls it receives annually; and

WHEREAS, after nearly a century in operation, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department remains entirely run by volunteers and continues to thrive as a result of its traditions and the fellowship and ties its members share; and

WHEREAS, since 1935, the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department has hosted its Annual Firemen's Carnival, a beloved local event that fosters a sense of community while raising funds to support the department's mission; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department over the past 90 years have been made possible by the tireless dedication and heroism of its members and the unwavering support of the entire Kilmarnock community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department hereby be commended on the occasion of its 90th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the department's history and its inspirational contributions to the Commonwealth.

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