HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 795

Commending the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department has safeguarded the lives and property of Richmond County residents by providing outstanding fire and rescue service and conducting generous community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1947 and opened its first station in the Town of Warsaw, which is now known as Company 1; and

WHEREAS, to better serve the community, the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department added a second fire station in Farnham in 1966, now Company 2, and a third station in Newland in 2009, now Company 3; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department has remained a 100 percent volunteer organization, with its members generously giving their time to run calls for service at all hours of the day and hone their skills through firefighting classes; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department answered 303 calls for service related to home and building fires, vehicle crashes, rescues, medical emergencies, and other crisis situations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department stay engaged with the community by hosting raffles and other fundraisers, and the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary hosts several dinner events at Company 3 every year; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department has further enhanced local life by participating in community events like the annual WarsawFest and the Richmond County Fair; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department hereby be commended on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RÉSOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's legacy of contributions to the Richmond County community.