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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 679

Offered September 2, 2022

*Commending David Hutcheson.*

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WHEREAS, David Hutcheson, a dedicated and highly admired public safety officer, will retire as the fire chief of the City of Virginia Beach in 2022 after 35 years of exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, David Hutcheson began his career in firefighting as a volunteer at Kempsville Fire Station No. 9, then joined the Virginia Beach Fire Department in 1988; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, David Hutcheson held various fire station assignments and served as captain of fire administration, chief public information officer, district chief, and deputy chief of operations; and

WHEREAS, David Hutcheson was selected as interim fire chief in November 2016 and officially appointed as the fifth fire chief of the City of Virginia Beach in June 2017; and

WHEREAS, among his many achievements as chief, David Hutcheson played an important role in the creation of the Mutual Aid Agreement with Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Fort Story to allow for cohabitation of military and civilian firefighters on the base; and

WHEREAS, David Hutcheson developed a surface rescue swimmers program, increased operational readiness by establishing a fifth battalion, oversaw the addition of shift commanders for all shifts, and guided the construction of Burton Fire Station No. 22; and

WHEREAS, David Hutcheson also appointed the first LGBTQ liaison for the department and the region and implemented a diversity, equity, and inclusion committee for the department; and

WHEREAS, David Hutcheson has also volunteered his time and leadership to his peers across the Commonwealth as a past president of the executive board of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime member of Virginia Task Force 2 Urban Search and Rescue Team, David Hutcheson has responded to natural disasters and other crisis situations around the country, including the Oklahoma City bombing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That David Hutcheson hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as fire chief of the City of Virginia Beach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Hutcheson as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his achievements in service to the Virginia Beach community.

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