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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 681

Offered February 14, 2023

Commending the Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club.

Patrons—Greenhalgh; Senators: Cosgrove and DeSteph

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club, an American Radio Relay League Special Service Club, has greatly served the Virginia Beach community for many years by volunteering its time and equipment for emergency and public services; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club (VBARC) has earned Special Service Club status with the American Radio Relay League by providing exceptional aid to both local amateur radio enthusiasts and the community at large through training classes, technical projects, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, VBARC supports its members' interest in the amateur radio hobby, also known as ham radio, through various events and services designed to share knowledge and to bring the local amateur radio community together; and

WHEREAS, volunteers with VBARC provided emergency communications support at several marquee events in Virginia Beach in 2022, including festivals, bicycle races, holiday parades, and more; and

WHEREAS, members of VBARC were responsible in establishing the Virginia Beach Emergency Amateur Repeater Society, which operates and maintains repeaters on behalf of the City of Virginia Beach to facilitate the municipality's emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, volunteer examiners with VBARC regularly administer the license testing required for individuals to participate in the hobby of amateur radio, enabling the local amateur radio community to continue to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, VBARC demonstrates the community values of selflessness and service that have helped to make Virginia Beach a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club for its generous support of emergency and public services in the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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