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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 332

Offered February 14, 2023

*Commending Walter T. Bailey.*

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WHEREAS, Walter T. Bailey, longtime chief of the Phenix Volunteer Fire Department and a life member of the Charlotte County Volunteer Rescue Squad, celebrates his 50th anniversary as a volunteer firefighter and rescue provider in Charlotte County in 2023; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Phenix in Charlotte County, Walt Bailey has been a member of the Phenix Volunteer Fire Department since 1973 and the department's chief for the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Walt Bailey was a founding member of the Charlotte County Fire & Rescue Association, ably serving the organization as president for 27 terms, and was a member of the Lynchburg Fire Department from 1981 to 2012, retiring as deputy chief of operations; and

WHEREAS, Walt Bailey has made an impact at the state level as president of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association in 2012 and then as a member of the Virginia Fire Services Board since 2013, serving the board as chair for an unprecedented seven years and receiving appointment to his third term from Governor Glenn Youngkin in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Walt Bailey served as 1st vice president of the Virginia State Firefighters Association, and he is the incoming president of the organization in 2023; he is also a member of the Virginia Fire Service Council; and

WHEREAS, Walt Bailey's efforts on the regional level include serving on the board of directors of the Old Dominion Emergency Medical Services Alliance (ODEMSA) since 2016, including as president of the organization's South Central Sub-Council since 2018 and as vice-chair since 2019; and

WHEREAS, Walt Bailey was elected to the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors in 2022 and was appointed to its Public Safety Committee in recognition of his exceptional leadership and incomparable experience; and

WHEREAS, Walt Bailey has led many studies of fire and rescue organizations at the request of local government, helping localities and departments across the Commonwealth implement positive and lasting changes; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service, Walt Bailey received the Regional Award for Outstanding EMS Leadership from the ODEMSA in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Walt Bailey has benefited greatly throughout his career from the support of his loving wife of 43 years, Collette, and their three daughters, Lisa, Heather, and Julie; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Walter T. Bailey, chief of the Phenix Volunteer Fire Department, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as a volunteer firefighter and rescue provider in Charlotte County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Walter T. Bailey as an expression of the General Assembly's high regard for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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