

2023 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

Commending the Woodstock Fire Department.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Fire Department will celebrate 200 years of service to the community in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Fire Department traces its roots to a meeting of concerned citizens at what is now the Shenandoah County Historic Courthouse on February 8, 1823, who volunteered to become the first members of the Shenandoah Fire Company; in 1931 the department built a new brick building and changed its name to the Woodstock Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Fire Department is an all-volunteer community organization committed to serving the residents of the Town of Woodstock, Shenandoah County, and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Fire Department spends thousands of hours each year responding to emergency incidents, training, fundraising, and serving its neighbors in other ways; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Woodstock Fire Department risk their lives to ensure the safety and well-being of their neighbors, saving more than \$7 million worth of property and countless lives each year; and

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Fire Department owns and maintains a fire station, six emergency vehicles, and modern equipment valued at over \$5 million and is funded entirely through donations and local fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, the first 200 years of the Woodstock Fire Department have been filled with countless stories of bravery, sacrifice, and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2023, the Woodstock Fire Department will commemorate the organization's storied history and bright future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Woodstock Fire Department hereby be commended on the occasion of its historic 200th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Woodstock Fire Department as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's congratulations, admiration for the department's history and contributions to the citizens of the Commonwealth, and best wishes in all its future endeavors.

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