SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

Commending Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023

WHEREAS, in 2023, Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., celebrates 80 years of service to the Virginia Beach community; and

WHEREAS, Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad traces its roots to 1942, when a group of citizens came together and determined that there was a need for fire service in the northern part of the former Princess Anne County; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, these citizens organized and began serving the community as Davis Corner Auxiliary Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, by raising funds through donations from the residents, Davis Corner Auxiliary Fire Department purchased its first fire truck from a United States Army base for \$500; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, Davis Corner Auxiliary Fire Department purchased property at 316 Davis Street for \$10, and a building was raised to establish a permanent location for the department in Princess Anne County, which subsequently merged into the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, Davis Corner Auxiliary Fire Department added a rescue component, which was officially chartered in 1968 as Davis Corner Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, these two organizations merged and became Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, which continues to serve and safeguard the residents of and visitors to the City of Virginia Beach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., hereby be commended for its 80 years of service to the former Princess Anne County and 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 Kay Laws, president of the Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the department's contributions to the health and welfare of the residents of the City of Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth.