

No. R-269. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating a century of outstanding community-based volunteer firefighting service in the town of Marshfield.

(S.C.R.33)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

By Representative Ancel of Calais,

Whereas, in 1909, the voters of Marshfield recognized their need for improved fire protection, and a special town meeting was called to seek approval for the acquisition of locally based firefighting equipment, and

Whereas, the town soon purchased a hand pump and hose cart and designated a storage place for this new equipment, and

Whereas, nearly three decades later, in 1937, Marshfield's citizens decided to update and expand the scope of the town's firefighting service, voting to purchase the first motorized truck, a Chevrolet pumper, and to build a fire station, and

Whereas, the organizational structure of the firefighting service was formalized as a volunteer fire department in 1961, and

Whereas, the department fondly retired its faithful Chevrolet and replaced it with a 1964 Ford-Maxim 1000 GPM that, at the time, was the largest water pumper in the area, and

Whereas, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department was an original signer of the Capital Fire Mutual Aid System agreement, and

Whereas, the ability to communicate with, and offer support to, neighboring fire departments was greatly improved when in 1967, the department invested in portable radios, and

Whereas, the town of Marshfield established 911 emergency response capacity well before the statewide E-911 network became operational, and

Whereas, in recent years, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department has continued to improve the quality of service it offers the community, and among the upgrades was the designation of the firehouse as a local emergency operations center, and

Whereas, on October 10, 2009, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department proudly marked a century of serving its neighbors with a bagpiper-led procession of old fire equipment, including the original 1910 hose cart, that went from the fire station to the Old School House Common where many celebratory and recognition events took place, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate a century of outstanding community-based volunteer firefighting service in the town of Marshfield, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Marshfield Town Clerk.