

No. R-416. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Lyndon Rescue, Inc. on its 40th anniversary.

(S.C.R.42)

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Crawford of Burke,

Whereas, when a situation arises requiring the swift transportation of a person to a hospital, the immediate availability of an emergency responder can be the crucial factor in saving a life, and

Whereas, much of the Northeast Kingdom is now most fortunate to have access to the fulltime Lyndon Rescue, Inc., an emergency responder service that has earned an enviable reputation for professionalism, timeliness, and proven technical capability, and

Whereas, the origination of this important community resource was different from the establishment of most emergency responder operations, and

Whereas, 40 years ago, a group of Lyndon State College students, concerned about a sudden death on campus in 1971, decided that a proactive response might prevent a repetition of that tragic event, and

Whereas, on February 16, 1972, these concerned students established the Campus Rescue Emergency Squad (CRES), and

Whereas, CRES was essentially a college club with a vehicle inventory limited to one on-call Lyndon State College mail van, and

Whereas, initially, CRES responded to a small number of emergencies that took place in an extremely limited geographic area, and

Whereas, many persons realized that a professionally trained ambulance service was a resource that the wider area definitely required, and

Whereas, from its limited original mission of offering on-campus emergency response services, CRES has evolved into the fulltime Lyndon Rescue, Inc., which serves a territory of 560 square miles in the Northeast Kingdom with four fully equipped ambulances, and

Whereas, in celebration of its 40th anniversary, Lyndon Rescue, Inc. is marking this special occasion with several commemorative events, and

Whereas, perhaps most importantly for the community at large, the organization is broadcasting a series of health-related public service announcements, and

Whereas, on a lighter note, other celebratory activities include a birthday party, a 40th anniversary dinner, and several other planned events, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lyndon Rescue, Inc. on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lyndon Rescue, Inc. in Lyndonville.