

No. R-76. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad on a half-century of exemplary community service.

(H.C.R.46)

Offered by: Representatives Goodwin of Weston, Komline of Dorset, and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Galbraith, Hartwell, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, and White

Whereas, in 1963, a group of local citizens decided that rescue services in the Londonderry area should be more formally organized, and they established the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS), which was incorporated the following year, and

Whereas, the original officers selected at the first official meeting in December 1963 were Tony Lafko, President, Rex Doane, Vice President, William Cobb Sr., Treasurer, Leroy Williams, Director, and Charles Pearson, Director, and

Whereas, the first ambulance was a red Cadillac of 1950s vintage, and the first call to which the Rescue Squad responded occurred in June 1964, and

Whereas, during its early years, the LVRS housed its ambulances successively in a private garage, the town shed, and then in the South Londonderry Fire Station, and

Whereas, in 1970, LVRS opened its own two-bay garage on Route 100 in South Londonderry, and

Whereas, other advancements in the 1970s included requiring an EMT on every ambulance run, the purchase of a radio system, and the decision to begin operating a two-ambulance service, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, LVRS purchased its first heart monitor, and the organization's current bylaws and service rules were adopted, and

Whereas, later in the 1980s, the LVRS installed a more sophisticated radio system, purchased a computer, and began running three fully stocked ambulances, prompting the need for a new and larger building, and

Whereas, on Easter weekend 1992, a new fully paid-for building with much more space and support capacity opened on Route 100 in Londonderry, and

Whereas, in 2013, the LVRS has grown to 40 trained ambulance service members and approximately 35 persons on its Londonderry Technical Rescue unit; has repeatedly won individual and organizational awards; has responded to over 14,500 calls over the years; and serves all or most of the towns of Londonderry, Jamaica, Landgrove, Peru, Stratton, Weston, Winhall, and Windham, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad on a half-century of exemplary community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Cobb Jr., President of the LVRS.