

**No. R-53. House concurrent resolution honoring former Halifax Fire Chief Wayne Courser for his exemplary volunteer leadership and community service.**

(H.C.R.37)

Offered by: Representative Roberts of Halifax

Whereas, the 70 years of Wayne Courser's association with the Halifax Fire Company Inc. started when he was a teenager in 1953, and

Whereas, in 1957, Wayne Courser also became a part-time member of the Halifax road crew, a role that became full-time in 1962, and he continued as a crew member until stepping down in 1997, and

Whereas, his road-working tenure included two terms as Halifax Road Commissioner, first, from 1959 to 1960, and then again, from 1966 to 1973, and

Whereas, although his contribution to the maintenance and enhancement of town roads was commendable, Wayne Courser's true passion was serving as a fire fighter, and his colleagues elected him as assistant chief in 1961, and as chief in 1970, a position he held with pride and distinction until early 2023, and

Whereas, in 1975, Wayne Courser spearheaded the effort to construct a new firehouse, which remains in use, and he has also held the office of president of Halifax Fire Company Inc., and

Whereas, his fire company involvement extended beyond standard responsibilities, with his enthusiastic work as a contributor, leader, organizer, and fundraiser, who even personally purchased a 1986 fire truck and donated it to the department, and

Whereas, Wayne and his wife, Joan, reside next door to the firehouse, his dependability is legendary, and his legacy as chief is one for others to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Halifax Fire Chief Wayne Courser for his exemplary volunteer leadership and community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wayne Courser and to the Halifax Fire Company Inc.