

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 916

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending Jerome Cook, Sr.

Patrons—Phillips and Marshall

WHEREAS, Jerome Cook, Sr., has dedicated 64 years of service to the Pittsylvania County community as a firefighter, touching countless lives through his courage, professionalism, and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Cook has worked in fire service since the age of 19, beginning as a member of Tunstall Fire and Rescue and subsequently playing a pivotal role in the formation of Mt. Hermon Volunteer Fire and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Jerome Cook responded to countless fires and calls for emergency service and served as a role model and mentor for younger generations of first responders; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Cook rose through the ranks to serve as lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, and, ultimately, chief for 22 years from 1984 to 2005, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the community and exemplary leadership; and

WHEREAS, through his extraordinary dedication and selflessness, Jerome Cook earned the respect and admiration of colleagues, community members, and local officials, contributing significantly to Pittsylvania County's legacy of excellence in fire service; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Cook has touched countless lives through his profound sense of duty, bravery, and compassion and has given generously of his time and talents to enhance the quality of life throughout Pittsylvania County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jerome Cook, Sr., hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a volunteer firefighter; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jerome Cook, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Pittsylvania County community.

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