## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 891**

Commending the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary has enabled the North Halifax Volunteer Fire Department to fulfill its mission of safeguarding the lives and property of local residents; and

WHEREAS, the first meeting of the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary was held on December 19, 1972, with 31 charter members in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the following year, the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary held a bake sale, a horse show, a Tupperware party, family portrait shoots, and a bazaar, ultimately making a \$1,500 donation to the North Halifax Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary has held numerous other fundraisers, including a fashion show, a Gospel sing, a haunted house, a turkey luncheon, a spaghetti luncheon, a pancake supper, a stew event, a walk-a-thon, bingo nights, and other games and tournaments; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the members of the North Halifax Volunteer Fire Department and the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary decided to have a fundraising marathon that would be held the Saturday after Labor Day; it remains the largest fundraiser each year, consisting of food, entertainment, vendors, a quilt raffle, and lots of fellowship; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary has baked thousands of pies and cakes, prepared countless meals, and sold numerous cookbooks, throws, t-shirts, calendars, and other items to help raise money; and

WHEREAS, the current membership of the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary consists of 52 members between the ages of 11 to 100, six of whom are charter members and all of whom relish every opportunity to work together and serve their community; and

WHEREAS, the most recent donation of \$50,000 was given by the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary in January 2025; over the course of its history, the organization has donated a total of \$937,400 to the North Halifax Volunteer Fire Department to support purchases of equipment, building maintenance, and other programs to help the department better serve the public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary hereby be commended for more than five decades of service to the North Halifax Volunteer Fire Department and the community as a whole; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the North Halifax Ladies' Auxiliary as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's legacy of achievements.