**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RESCUE SQUAD 11 OF LANDRUM FOR A HALF CENTURY OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF LANDRUM AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE SQUAD FOR BEING NAMED THE 2018 EMS SYSTEM OF THE YEAR.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is delighted to learn that the members of Landrum Rescue Squad 11 have been honored as the 2018 EMS System of the Year in South Carolina at an awards ceremony held in Myrtle Beach; and

Whereas, a volunteer EMS and specialized rescue provider, Rescue Squad 11 was formed in 1969 to serve the Foothills of the Upstate and has operated for five decades without any county subsidy or any local, state, or federal tax dollars; and

Whereas, Rescue Squad 11 is the only remaining rescue squad that is volunteer and works in conjunction with its partner agencies: Landrum Fire and Rescue, Spartanburg EMS, and Greenville County EMS; and

Whereas, the members of Rescue Squad 11 sacrifice their time and safety to provide service to their neighbors in the surrounding area all day long and every day of the year; and

Whereas, intensely dedicated and highly committed to quality patient care and continued education, the volunteer members of Rescue Squad 11 have received numerous regional, state, and national paramedic competition awards, including selection as EMS System of the Year in 1992, 2008, and 2015, as well as 2018; and

Whereas, Rescue Squad 11’s Bruce Cogdell was honored as the 1989 EMT‑Intermediate of the Year, and colleague Ricky Howard was named the 2015 EMT of the Year; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives deeply appreciates the ongoing commitment that the members of Rescue Squad 11 have provided to the Landrum community for fifty years and congratulate them on their well‑earned recognition as the 2018 EMS System of the Year. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Rescue Squad 11 of Landrum for a half century of outstanding service to the citizens of Landrum and congratulate the members of the squad for being named the 2018 EMS System of the Year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the members of Landrum Rescue Squad 11.

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