

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING W. David Ross upon the occasion of his
induction into the Lake View Volunteer Fire
Department Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor W. David Ross upon the occasion of his induction into the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious recognition is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated dedication to preserving the history of the Department, promote its values and celebrates the excellence of a member; and

WHEREAS, W. David Ross joined the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department in October of 1985; throughout his more than 30 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including Assistant Chief and several other line positions; and

WHEREAS, An Advanced EMT, W. David Ross has shared his skills and knowledge with the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department, allowing the EMS Squad to bring a higher level of care to the community; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, W. David Ross has been a dynamic and vital member of the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department; he was named a Top Responder several times, and was instrumental in starting the Junior Fire Department, prior to it becoming an Explorer Post; and

WHEREAS, In his role as Department Historian, W. David Ross worked extensively on the 75th Anniversary committee and helped organize the Department's history book; and

WHEREAS, W. David Ross has also been an integral part of the Fire Association administration where he has served as both the Financial Secretary and Treasurer; in this capacity, he streamlined the accounting system, making it easier to track and monitor purchases and payment processing; and

WHEREAS, From 1998-2015, W. David Ross was a member of the Board of Commissioners; well-respected by his fellow commissioners, he was appointed to the title of Deputy Chairman; in this role, he was

responsible for overseeing Station No. 2 and worked extensively on updating the SOPs and SOGs of the Department; and

WHEREAS, W. David Ross enjoys helping his co-workers, and is always ready to lend a helping hand, whether its fixing the fire escape, the pavilion, or the antique truck storage garage; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; W. David Ross is such a firefighter; throughout over 30 years of devoted service to the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor W. David Ross upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to W. David Ross.