

**BY:** M. of A. Simpson

**HONORING** Firefighter Bob Swan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Chestertown Fire Department

**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 Firefighter Bob Swan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Chestertown Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighter Bob Swan has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS,** A member of the Chestertown Fire Department since November 3, 1970, Bob Swan has served as Co-Captain of the Emergency Squad, Captain of the Emergency Squad, and completed one of the first EMT courses in 1973; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his illustrious tenure, Bob Swan has served as First Assistant Chief and Second Assistant Chief, as well as on the Executive Committee; he currently serves as President and on the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, he was elected as a Fire Commissioner and was Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners during its Building Project; and

**WHEREAS,** Highly respected throughout both the Chestertown Fire Department and the community-at-large, Bob Swan has been on numerous committees throughout his esteemed career and is consistently one of the top five responders to emergency calls; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters such as Bob Swan 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; Bob Swan is such a firefighter; throughout his 50 years of devoted service, 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 Firefighter Bob Swan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Chestertown Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Bob Swan.