

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1048

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Clay County Rescue Squad on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those honorable institutions that exist to serve and protect the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Rescue Squad is one such exemplary institution that has rendered sterling service to the citizens of Clay County and surrounding areas for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, after the formation of Dale Hollow Lake, citizens and families had to recover drowning victims and search for lost persons on their own for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, committed to providing more efficient public safety services for their community, gentlemen such as Bob Maywald, Harold Stone, David Sharp, Jimmy Dale, Cobby Hayes, and Wade Stone formed a plan to start a rescue squad in 1971; and

WHEREAS, following meetings and reviewing applications in 1972, the Clay County Rescue Squad officially formed in 1973, with Robert Maywald elected as captain of the unit; other members included Mode Dining and Harold Stone as first aid and second lieutenants, respectively; Kenneth Overstreet as secretary and treasurer; David Sharp, Jimmy M. Dale, and Franklin G. Poindexter as sergeants; and James E. White as unit director; and

WHEREAS, the Squad's first pieces of equipment consisted of two wooden fishing boats from Dale Hollow Boat Dock, and the first response vehicle was an old hearse donated by Upton Hays Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, since its inception more than fifty years ago, the Clay County Rescue Squad has continued to grow and has since updated all its equipment, partnered with local fire departments, and continued to save the precious lives of community members; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clay County Rescue Squad are truly worthy of our approbation, and it is wholly fitting that we should recognize them on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate the members of the Clay County Rescue Squad upon fifty years of service to the citizens of Clay County and surrounding areas, extending our sincere gratitude for their service and wishing them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.