



Agenda Item V. C.

Meeting Date: May 2, 2017

Department: County Administrator

Issue: **Commemorative Resolution celebrating the service of Trenton ("Trent") Richie, Jr.**

Board Action: The Board is being asked to adopt a commemorative resolution.

Attachment: Resolution 2017-0004-CR

Summary: Board is being asked to issue a commemorative resolution, honoring Trenton ("Trent") Richie, Jr. for his service to Amherst County with the Amherst Fire Department from 1990 to April 2017.

Recommendation: That the Board adopt Resolution 2017-0004-CR for the Chair's signature and have the resolution presented on May 16, 2017 at the Board's evening meeting.



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Commemorative Resolution No. 2017-0004-CR

For consideration on May 2, 2017

A COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION, NO. 2017-0004-CR

Commemorating and celebrating the service of Trenton ("Trent") Richie Jr. to Amherst County.

Approved as to form by the County Administrator

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expresses its profound thanks to Trenton ("Trent") Richie Jr. for his dedicated and unstinting decades of service to Amherst County, as follows:

WHEREAS, Trenton Richie, Jr. retired from service with the Amherst Fire Department ("AFD") on April 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie began his career in the public safety arena when he started working with the Babcock & Wilcox fire team in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie began volunteering with AFD in 1990, serving as a firefighter as well as in various line officer positions during his career, and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie was first elected as AFD Chief in 2007, and served in that position intermittently for 9 years, with his last year of being elected Chief beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie graduated with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Fire Science from Central Virginia Community College in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie was certified as an Adjunct Fire Instructor with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and as an Emergency Medical Technician by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie instructed many firefighting students during his career across the country, was instrumental in forming the Amherst County Fire Academy in 2014; has supported the growth of the fire service by supporting and mentoring young people; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie was a valuable member of the Amherst County Emergency Services Council during his tenure as Chief, especially in his work assisting the development of the emergency services system for Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the twenty-seven years that he served with AFD, Chief Richie has run innumerable calls at all hours of the night and day, and has witnessed tremendous changes in the requirements for training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie continuously sought out and enjoyed fire training and education for the insights they provided into problem-solving on site at a conflagration, and in developing strong skills in new firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie has always supported the volunteers he led, including lobbying for them to receive incentives and other benefits from the County, seeking to obtain additional training and education for them, and modeling good leadership and fire-fighting practices; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie also helped facilitate the relationships between the volunteers and County staff to help further development of more holistic and effective responses to crisis situations in the County; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richie is prepared to enjoy his well-earned retirement with his family; however, the County still hopes he may yet be willing to teach some fire safety classes, and thereby help impart to new volunteers his love for the County and his faithful commitment to public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST:

That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Trenton “Trent” Richie Jr. as an admired longtime volunteer firefighter, and commends him for the exceptional service and dedication he has demonstrated to Amherst County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution 2017-0004-CR for presentation to Chief Richie as an expression of the Board’s appreciation for his generous dedication and commitment to the citizens of Amherst County in their most vulnerable moments of loss and desolation.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2017.

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Dean Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes ____

Nays ____

Abstentions ____