

**RESOLUTION: Recognizing the Bravery, Dedication, and Service of
Firefighters and Paramedics and Honoring the Life and Legacy of Lloyd G
Edwards, Jr****DRAFT 1: 27 APR 2026**

Resolution by the Public Services Committee, John Ford, Chair; public.services.chair@civfed.org. To be introduced for consideration by the General Membership at the 12 May 2026 General Membership Meeting.

WHEREAS, firefighters and paramedics demonstrate extraordinary courage in the face of danger, placing themselves at personal risk to protect the lives, safety, and property of others; and

WHEREAS, the profession of firefighting is defined by an unwavering commitment to public service, requiring not only physical bravery but also discipline, teamwork, and a deep sense of duty to the community; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and paramedics are often present with members of the community during their most difficult and challenging moments, providing critical support and service under demanding and stressful conditions; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Arlington County Fire Department, including firefighters, paramedics, and support personnel, exemplify these values through their daily service, responding to emergencies, protecting residents, and strengthening the safety and resilience of the Arlington community; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia recognized these principles through the passage of HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 118 (HJ118), which was approved by the General Assembly of Virginia and honors the life and service of the late Lloyd G. Edwards, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Edwards, devoted 22 years of distinguished and honorable service as a firefighter, consistently demonstrating professionalism, courage, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the lives and safety of others, and earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the Arlington community; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Edwards answered his calling to become a firefighter on November 18, 2002, graduating as a member of Recruit Class 58; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Edwards, a distinguished member of the Arlington County Fire Department, died on May 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Edwards exemplified the highest ideals of the firefighting profession through his dedication, professionalism, and service to his community; and

WHEREAS, his passing is deeply felt, and the Arlington community joins together in recognizing the loss of a public servant whose commitment and character left a lasting impact on those he served and alongside whom he worked;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington County Civic Federation expresses its profound respect and gratitude for the bravery, dedication, and service of all firefighters and paramedics, particularly the members of the Arlington County Fire Department, who protect and serve the community each day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Civic Federation honors the life and legacy of Lloyd Edwards, whose service stands as a lasting example of the values and sacrifices embodied by firefighters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Civic Federation acknowledges the sense of loss felt across the community and extends its appreciation to the colleagues, family, and loved ones of Lloyd Edwards; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Arlington County Fire Department and appropriate public officials in recognition of their service and in tribute to the legacy of Lloyd Edwards.