

VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD
Lifetime Achievement in the Fire Services Award

Enclosure 1

Proposed Recipient: Charles C. Singleton

Years of Service: 57

Justification:

There are few individuals who can match the dedication and self giving that has been displayed by Charles "Charlie" Singleton. He began his volunteer career in 1952 as a new member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department where he is currently a life member. "Charlie" has also served as Fire Chief of both the Vienna and Ebony Fire departments as well as 8 years as a volunteer battalion chief in Fairfax County.

Charlie is extremely active in the Virginia State Firefighters Association where he has served as Chairman or Vice- Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the past 27 years. Most state legislators know Charlie by name and welcome his opinion on the current issues of the day. The Virginia State Firefighters Association has recognized him numerous times for his efforts, many of which were instrumental in the passage of critical legislature. It was through his efforts in conjunction with the other various stakeholder groups that the Virginia fire service organizations were able to come together and speak with a single voice on these critical issues.

Charlie has received numerous service awards from the State Firefighters Association, Southside Virginia Volunteer Firefighters Association, the Vienna VFD, the Town of Vienna, and the Ebony VFD. He has also served as President of the Southside Virginia Volunteer Firefighters Association receiving recognition for his dedication and outstanding service in April of 2000.

He was appointed by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors as the Chairman of the Emergency Services Council where he has served for over 10 years. He was also appointed by Governor Kaine to the

VOLSAP Board. In January 2009 Mr. Singleton was presented with an honorary membership to the Phoenix VFD of Charlotte County during their 50th Anniversary Dinner recognizing his outstanding support and dedication

Throughout his career he has managed to maintain a balance of public service and family commitment. He has been married for over 40 years and has three children, three grand children and five great grand children.

Charlie has countless numbers of friends and acquaintances. He cannot travel anywhere in the state or Washington D.C. and not come across someone he knows or has worked with at some period in his long and distinguished career. Charlie is still an active volunteer serving as a driver operator and mentor for many younger members.

I know that I have been fortunate enough to call him a friend as well as a colleague and have benefited from his immense knowledge and keen insight on many issues. In my opinion he is a "volunteer's volunteer" always giving of himself in the service of others. It is also my opinion that the awarding of the second VFSB Lifetime Achievement to Charlie Singleton, in conjunction with the first recipients' resume, would assist in setting the precedence by which future awards will be measured.

Submitted by Ken Brown, VFSB

CHARLES C. SINGLETON

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FIRE SERVICE RESUME

JOINED THE VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 1952 CURRENTLY A LIFE MEMBER

JOINED THE EBONY VOLUNTEER IN FEBRUARY 1980 CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE EBONY VFD

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AMHERST COUNTY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL HAVE SERVED TWO 4 YEAR TERMS AND STARTED ON THE THIRD 4 YEAR TERM

JULY 1ST 2009

TOTAL NUMBER YEARS 57

I AM PRESENTLY MARRIED FOR 43 YEARS HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS AND A SON 3 GRAND CHILDREN AND 5 GREAT GRAND CHILDREN

I HAVE BEEN DOING LEGISLATIVE WORK FOR THE VIRGINIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PAST 27 YEARS MUCH OF THIS TIME I HAVE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OR CO-CHAIRMAN.

AWARD TO CHARLES SINGLETON FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE TO VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 6TH 1972

RECEIVED AWARD OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 25TH 1975

AWARD TO CHARLES SINGLETON FIRE CHIEF VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY AS FIRE CHIEF 1974-1975

OUTSTANDING OFFICER OF THE YEAR CHIEF CHARLES C. SINGLETON FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY AS FIRE CHIEF VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1976

I HAVE SERVED ON MANY OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION IN 1989

RECEIVED RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FROM THE TOWN OF VIENNA ON 2ND DAY OF MARCH 1981

RECEIVED HALL OF FAME AWARD FROM VIRGINIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 12, 1994

RECEIVED AWARD OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION IN APRIL 2000

RECEIVED AWARD FOR DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION JULY 15 1995

RECEIVED AWARD OF APPRECIATION FROM COUNTY OF FAIRFAX FOR SERVING AS VOLUNTEER BATTALION CHIEF FOR 8 YEARS ON SEPTEMBER 17 1980

RECEIVED AWARD FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE VIRGINIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AUGUST 1998

AWARD EBONY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION
CONTINUOUS AND LOYAL SERVICE FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE JANUARY 21ST 2006

AWARD TO EBONY # 851 CHARLES SINGLETON FOR 14 CONTINUOUS YEARS AS CHIEF
OF THE EBONY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1984 -1998

AWARD OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO CHARLES C. SINGLETON IN RECOGNITION
OF EXEMPLEARY SERVICE GIVEN THE VIRGINIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
2005 2007 PRESENTED AUGUST 16TH 2007

VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LEON L. FREEMAN AWARD THIS AWARD
PRESENTED TO THE LIFE MEMBER MAKING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION
TO THE VIENNA VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT 2006 AWARD IS PRESENTED TO CHARLES
SINGLETON FOR HIS DEDICATION, DEVOTION AND SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

ON JANUARY 24TH 2009 I WAS PRESENTED WITH HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO THE
PHENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARLOTTE COUNTY, VIRGINIA AT THEIR
50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES SINGLETON A BRICK WAS PLACED ON THE WALK OF HONOR
IN THE NATIONAL FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL 2003 EMITSBURG MARYLAND

GRAND MARSHALL VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE 2003

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR TIM Kaine TO SERVE A 6 YEAR TERM ON THE VOLSAP
BOARD

I AM CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN SERVICE AS DRIVER PUMP OPERATOR BOTH IN EBONY
AND AMHERST COUNTY