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TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: William T. Luton, Fire Chief

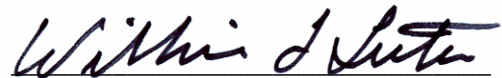
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation - Cole Joyner and Brandon Lapetina

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On occasion, members of our community exhibit great compassion and bravery in saving the lives of others. I am pleased to offer this recognition of two local young adults who are 2004 graduates of Lafayette High School. One, Cole Joyner, is a rising junior at Radford University and the other, Brandon Lapetina, is a rising junior at James Madison University.

At approximately 3:15 p.m. on June 18, 2006, Mr. Joyner and Mr. Lapetina were enjoying the beach at College Creek on the Colonial Parkway when they spotted someone having difficulties in the water. All they initially saw was the hand of the victim, Miguel Avilla. Without regard for his safety, Mr. Joyner immediately entered the water and rescued Mr. Avilla. Mr. Lapetina assisted in bringing Mr. Avilla to shore and immediately started rescue breathing. Other bystanders called "911" for assistance. Rescue units from both the City of Williamsburg and James City County responded. Upon their arrival, Mr. Avilla was breathing on his own and sitting up. He was transported to Williamsburg Community Hospital where he was later released.

It has been noted by several bystanders, emergency responders, and the emergency room physicians that the quick response and treatment given by Messrs. Joyner and Lapetina were directly responsible for Mr. Avilla's survival. They are to be commended for their rapid and heroic response to this situation.

  
William T. Luton

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