HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5122

Celebrating the life of John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 28, 2006 Agreed to by the Senate, June 28, 2006

WHEREAS, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., of Quinton, a respected and admired citizen and community supporter, died on May 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, John McLaughlin was extremely proud of being one of the first auxiliary deputies of the New Kent County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, John McLaughlin was a devoted 41-year member and retiree of the Virginia Army National Guard, and an active member of the Virginia National Guard Enlisted Association; and

WHEREAS, committed to improving the quality of life of his fellow residents, John McLaughlin served as the chairman of the New Kent Highway Safety and Transportation Commission and was a leader in various other civic activities; and

WHEREAS, John McLaughlin served as chairman of the New Kent County Fire Department for several years, as well as president, secretary, and dedicated member of the Quinton Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, John McLaughlin was a member of the New Kent Ruritan, the Providence Forge Ruritan, the Eagle Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion Post No. 0242, and the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, John McLaughlin received many honors for his extraordinary community service, including the Quinton Volunteer Fire Department Company No. 2 Firefighter of the Year award and the Chesapeake District Ruritan of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, always concerned with the welfare of others, John McLaughlin was a faithful member of Providence United Methodist Church and supported its numerous missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, John McLaughlin will be fondly remembered and missed by his devoted wife, Juaneta Phillips McLaughlin, his three loving children and their spouses, his wonderful grandchildren, his numerous other close family members and friends, and the congregation of Providence United Methodist Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.