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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

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Celebrating the life of Marion Wingfield Johnson.

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WHEREAS, Marion Wingfield Johnson of Glen Allen, an admired citizen and respected law-enforcement officer in the City of Richmond for 42 years, died on May 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary detective sergeant for many years for the Richmond Police Department, Marion Wingfield was committed to the safety and protection of his fellow citizens and was a role model and mentor for his fellow law-enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, from 1969 to 1981, Detective Sergeant Johnson directed the Richmond Police Department's Mounted Squad; and

WHEREAS, an excellent law-enforcement officer and ambassador for the police department, Detective Sergeant Johnson took pride in riding his horse on patrol in downtown Richmond and especially enjoyed meeting and talking with people on the streets who delighted in the city's mounted squad; and

WHEREAS, since retiring from the police force in 1981, Marion Johnson remained active in his community and was dedicated to improving the quality of life of his neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Marion Johnson was very proud to be a Freemason, and he was a dedicated member of A.F.&A.M. Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 and active in its many activities and missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Marion Johnson will be fondly remembered for his kind and generous nature and greatly missed by his devoted wife of 58 years, Lois Miller Johnson; his daughters Carolyn and June and their wonderful families, including his cherished grandchildren and great grandchildren; and his numerous other loving family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine public servant and outstanding Virginian, Marion Wingfield Johnson; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Marion Wingfield Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.