SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6006

Celebrating the life of Charles W. Jackson.

Agreed to by the Senate, June 24, 2008 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 25, 2008

WHEREAS, Charles W. Jackson of Montross, a beloved citizen and the admired sheriff of Westmoreland County for 32 years, died on May 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, as sheriff of Westmoreland County, Charles W. "Buddy" Jackson was the second-longest-serving head law-enforcement officer among the Commonwealth's 123 sheriffs; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jackson retired on December 31,2007, after more than three decades of outstanding service to the citizens of Westmoreland County; and

WHEREAS, an experienced and exemplary public servant, Sheriff Jackson served nine years as a Virginia state trooper assigned to Westmoreland County before being elected sheriff in 1975 at a time when the sheriff's office had only seven employees; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and able administrator, Sheriff Jackson provided excellent leadership during his tenure, overseeing many changes and improvements to the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office and its services; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jackson was instrumental in the establishment of the Rappahannock Regional Police Academy to train deputies and the Northern Neck Regional Jail to house prisoners; and

WHEREAS, widely known for his fairness and his commitment to justice for all of the residents of Westmoreland County, Sheriff Jackson won the respect of the legal and law-enforcement communities and his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jackson gave his time and expertise to many civic and professional organizations over the years, including serving a term as the president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jackson received countless awards and accolades for his tireless support of his community and his many contributions to excellence in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Sheriff Jackson was steadfastly committed to the safety and well-being of his neighbors and the enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth and Westmoreland County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of a fine law-enforcement officer and outstanding Virginian, Charles W. Jackson; and, be it

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