

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 409

Celebrating the life of Michael Smith Phillips.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 5, 2009
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2009

WHEREAS, Detective Michael Smith Phillips, of the Special Investigations Unit of the Virginia Beach Police Department, is remembered for his valiant performance as a law-enforcement officer and for his devotion to his family, community, and fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2008, Detective Michael Phillips died in the line of duty during an undercover narcotics operation; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York, Michael Phillips was born on June 17, 1971, to Thomas and Beverly Phillips; graduated from Lansing High School in Lansing, New York; and joined the United States Air Force, where he served honorably for four years; and

WHEREAS, an admired six-year veteran of the Virginia Beach Police Department, Detective Michael Phillips also served three years with the Hampton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, committed to protecting and serving Virginia's citizens and enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth, Detective Michael Phillips was a courageous and professional police officer, who was highly respected by his fellow law-enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving others, Detective Michael Phillips also volunteered as a firefighter and was always willing to help someone in need; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional mentor and role model for young people, Detective Michael Phillips generously gave of his time and talents as a baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, Detective Michael Phillips will be fondly remembered as a loving father and husband and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Terri Lyn; their two wonderful children, Bailey and Bristol; his numerous friends and admirers; and the residents of the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Detective Michael Phillips is tragic, not only for his family but also for his fellow law-enforcement officers and the citizens of the Commonwealth, and a reminder of the great sacrifices made by our police officers and all first responders throughout the Commonwealth and the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of a dedicated public servant and an outstanding Virginian, Detective Michael Smith Phillips; and, be it

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

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