SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Celebrating the life of Ralph William Carroll, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 14, 2010 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 22, 2010

WHEREAS, Trooper Ralph William Carroll, Sr., of Stanleytown, a respected member of the Virginia State Police, is remembered for his valiant performance as a law-enforcement officer and for his devotion to his family, community, and fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Carroll, who was off duty, tragically died in a motorcycle accident on June 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ralph William Carroll, Sr., was born on August 4, 1949, a Martinsville native and the loving son of Ruth Bennett Johnson; and

WHEREAS, a master trooper with the Virginia State Police, Trooper Carroll served his neighbors as an excellent officer for more than 25 years and had been based at the Martinsville-Henry County office for the past 20 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Trooper Carroll was an avid member of the Virginia State Police Association, the Patrick Henry Patriots R/C hobby flyers' club, and the Blue Ridge Cycle Club; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Carroll will be fondly remembered as a loving father and husband and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Tami Stultz Carroll; his daughter, Tina Carroll Vaughn; his two sons, Ralph Jr. and Rick William Carroll; his four grandchildren; and his numerous friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Trooper Carroll is tragic, not only for his family but also for his fellow law-enforcement officers and the citizens of Virginia, 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, Ralph William Carroll, Sr.; and, be it

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