

2011 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 530

Celebrating the life of Dean Ridings.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 14, 2011
Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2011

WHEREAS, Dean Ridings, an admired police deputy from Spotsylvania County, died on June 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dean Ridings is remembered for his outstanding performance as a law-enforcement officer and for his devotion to his family, community, and fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, a former United States Marine, Deputy Ridings brought years of exemplary experience to the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office when he joined the force in 2004; and

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

WHEREAS, known for his ready smile and kind nature, Deputy Ridings was always willing to help out his fellow citizens, neighbors, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ridings was a member of the National Rifle Association, Izaak Walton League, and the Virginia Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS, an avid archer, Deputy Ridings enjoyed spending his free time outdoors with his sons and brothers; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Dean Ridings will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 30 years, Anna; his sons, Gordon and Nicholas, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Deputy Dean Ridings 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 hazards our police officers and all first responders throughout the Commonwealth and the nation face; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an admired and devoted deputy, Dean Ridings; 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 Dean Ridings as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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