

2011 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 947

Celebrating the life of Shawnell Hess.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2011
Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2011

WHEREAS, Deputy Shawnell Hess, an outstanding law-enforcement officer for the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, died in the line of duty on July 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a valiant law-enforcement officer, Deputy Hess was responding to a call for assistance when his vehicle left the road, causing fatal injuries; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kentucky, Shawnell "Shawn" Hess was born on February 6, 1976, to loving parents, Queenie James Hess and the late H.L. Hess; at an early age, he demonstrated an interest in flying that would later develop into a great passion and a business; and

WHEREAS, committed to protecting and serving his fellow residents and enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth, Shawn Hess joined the Tazewell County Sheriff's Department in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Hess was highly respected by his peers and made valuable contributions to public safety in Tazewell County; and

WHEREAS, a twin engine commercial pilot, Deputy Hess owned and operated Hess Aviation and provided private pilot instruction at Tazewell County Airport; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary law-enforcement professional and valued member of the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Hess was posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Hess will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his mother, Queenie; fiancée, Tanya; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Deputy Hess is tragic not only for his family but also for his fellow law-enforcement officers and the citizens of the Commonwealth, and is 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 House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an exemplary law-enforcement professional from Tazewell County, Deputy Shawnell Hess; 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 Deputy Shawnell Hess as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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