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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 318

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Celebrating the life of Max Morris Dewey, Jr.

Patron—Wright; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Max Morris Dewey, Jr., an admired member of the Blackstone community who faithfully served as a volunteer firefighter for 55 years, died on April 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Max Dewey joined thousands of other young men of his generation in the war effort as the United States entered World War II, proudly serving his country in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Max Dewey continued his military service as an 18-year member of the Virginia National Guard as he returned to civilian life and began a 40-year career with the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his fellow residents, Max Dewey joined the Blackstone Volunteer Fire Department in 1955 and served in various positions throughout his career, including secretary, lieutenant, and chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Max Dewey devoted countless hours over the years to battling all types of fires, promoting fire safety, and responding to calls while serving as a mentor to younger firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Max Dewey took an active role in civic and community affairs as a member of the Blackstone Veterans of Foreign Wars and Crenshaw United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, for over five decades, Max Dewey served his fellow firefighters and area residents with great distinction and leaves behind many beloved family members and friends who will cherish his memory; 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 a dedicated firefighter, Max Morris Dewey, Jr.; 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 Max Morris Dewey, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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