## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 836**

Celebrating the life of Lieutenant Steven Michael Cassada.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2013 Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2013

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Steven Michael Cassada, a respected law-enforcement officer and a beloved friend to many in Halifax County, died on January 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Halifax County, Steven "Steve" Michael Cassada was an integral member of the Halifax County Sheriff's Office for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, one of the department's most senior officers, Steve Cassada was known as an ambassador to the community and a mentor to other officers, treating everyone he met with kindness and decency; and

WHEREAS, Steve Cassada faithfully served the Halifax County Sheriff's Office in a variety of roles, handling equipment purchases and inventory, and serving as firearms instructor and evidence custodian; and

WHEREAS, also working with several local news outlets as the department's public relations officer, Steve Cassada was praised for his dedication to keeping the public informed in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, known for his quick wit, Steve Cassada put people at ease and brightened the days of his coworkers and friends with jokes; and

WHEREAS, Steve Cassada enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and was a member of American Legion Post No. 8 and the local Legion Riders; and

WHEREAS, remembered as an "officer and a gentleman," Steve Cassada was an example of the professionalism and devotion to the community shown by law-enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Steve Cassada is survived and deeply missed by his wife, Vicky; children, Angela, Hollie, and Allen, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and fellow officers at the Halifax County Sheriff's Office; 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 law-enforcement officer and an irreplaceable member of the Halifax County community, Lieutenant Steven Michael Cassada; 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 Lieutenant Steven Michael Cassada as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.