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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 124

Offered January 10, 2014

Celebrating the life of O. E. Greene.

Patrons—Cox, Carr, Dance, Farrell, Howell, W.J., Ingram, Loupassi, McClellan, McQuinn, O'Bannon, Orrock, Robinson and Ware; Senators: Marsh, Martin, Stosch and Watkins

WHEREAS, O. E. Greene, a longtime community servant in Chesterfield County, died on June 21, 2013, leaving a legacy of service for all to follow; and

WHEREAS, O. E. "Buster" Greene began his service to Chesterfield County in October 1956 as a Chesterfield County police officer, retiring in October 1992 as the lieutenant of forensics; he also served as a patrol officer and detective during his career; and

WHEREAS, Buster Greene also began his tenure with the Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad and served in numerous offices, including as treasurer, where he provided stability for the squad's financial affairs, and also as president of the squad; he was elected as a Life Member and was active in the squad until his passing; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Buster Greene brought forth the model of a Volunteer Rescue Squad Council, which is now the EMS Advisory Council and reports to the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Buster Greene became active in the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) and served as committee chair, district vice president, VAVRS secretary, vice president, and president; he continued his service as a seminar chair and as the sergeant-at-arms at the Board of Governors meetings; and

WHEREAS, Buster Greene was appointed to the EMS Advisory Council and served as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, after attaining the status of life member of VAVRS in 2005 and also the Tennessee Volunteer Rescue Squad Association, Buster Greene was elected to the Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame, an honor held by a very limited number of individuals; and

WHEREAS, Buster Greene also served as the director of the Chesterfield Chapter of the Red Cross, as a First Aid merit badge counselor, a charter member of the Clover Hill Masonic Lodge, and as a deacon and finance chair of the Epiphany Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Buster Greene was elected to the Chesterfield County Senior Hall of Fame in 2002 for his volunteerism to the county rescue community; and

WHEREAS, Buster Greene was a mentor, guide, instructor in many ways, and confidant to new and old members of Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad and VAVRS, especially to the up-and-coming officers; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Mary Anna, Buster Greene will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Mildred (Beppie) and Reg, and their families, and numerous other family members, friends, admirers, coworkers, and those he touched in his years of community service; 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 distinguished community servant and a true southern gentleman, O. E. Greene; 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 O. E. Greene as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.