## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 420**

Celebrating the life of Ralph McCubbins, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, Ralph McCubbins, Jr., of Danville, a former law-enforcement officer who served the community for over a decade and a security professional, died tragically on December 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Danville, Ralph "Lee" McCubbins graduated from Tunstall High School in 1988 and attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he studied animal science; and

WHEREAS, Lee McCubbins joined the Danville City Police Department in 1994; he earned a reputation as a highly skilled and deeply professional officer and a trustworthy friend; and

WHEREAS, bravely serving on the Danville City SWAT Team for 11 years, Lee McCubbins rose to become a corporal; he also served as a K-9 officer and raised horses for the department; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Lee McCubbins accepted a position with a security contracting firm and served in Iraq; he safeguarded his fellow security professionals as a handler of bomb-sniffing dogs; and

WHEREAS, Lee McCubbins made the ultimate sacrifice while helping to provide security for the Kajaki Dam project in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Lee McCubbins enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Swansonville United Methodist Church and later at The Tabernacle of Danville; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, Justin, Lee McCubbins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved daughter, Victoria, and numerous other family members, friends, fellow law-enforcement officers, and security professionals; 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 Ralph McCubbins, Jr., a devoted former law-enforcement officer and courageous security professional; 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 Ralph McCubbins, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.