

2014 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 130

Celebrating the life of James Calvin Ragsdale.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 13, 2014
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2014

WHEREAS, James Calvin Ragsdale of Blackstone, the longest-serving active member of the Blackstone Volunteer Fire Department, died on January 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, James "Jimmy" Ragsdale was a volunteer firefighter for 43 years; he was an inspiration to all who worked with him, never failing to offer encouragement, support, and praise to other first responders; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication and commitment to the volunteer fire department, Jimmy Ragsdale was a strong supporter of the Nottoway High School football team both as a fan and as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, family and community were very important to Jimmy Ragsdale; he is remembered for his kindness, for his involvement in the activities and events of Blackstone and the surrounding area, and for his love of hunting as a member of the Ivy Bluff Hunt Club; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Ragsdale's life serves as a shining example of the bravery, dedication to duty, and sacrifice shown by firefighters and other first responders throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Ragsdale will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Debbie; his daughters, Rebecca, Monica, and Ashley, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and fellow firefighters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of James Calvin Ragsdale, a dedicated firefighter who worked selflessly to protect the lives and property of his friends and neighbors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James Calvin Ragsdale as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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