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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5024

Offered April 21, 2014

*Commending Senior Trooper Samuel C. Moss.*

Patrons—Ruff, Barker, Carrico, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Garrett, Howell, Marsh, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Petersen, Puckett, Saslaw, Stuart, Wagner, Watkins and Wexton; Delegates: Austin, Bell, Richard P., Carr, Cole, Davis, DeSteph, Fowler, Hodges, Hope, Howell, W.J., Keam, Kilgore, Knight, Kory, Krupicka, Landes, LaRock, Leftwich, Loupassi, Marshall, D.W., McQuinn, Minchew, Morrissey, Plum, Pogge, Ramadan, Rasoul, Rust, Scott, Simon, Spruill, Stolle, Surovell, Toscano, Tyler, Ware, Watts, Wilt, Wright and Yancey

WHEREAS, Virginia State Police Senior Trooper Samuel C. Moss was presented with regional and national 2014 Trooper of the Year Awards by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Division of State and Provincial Police and Motorola, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Moss was one of only four state troopers in the nation to receive regional recognition, and he was the only trooper in the United States and Canada to receive such prestigious national recognition in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Moss was recognized for his extraordinary courage and perseverance in his efforts to protect members of the public and aid a fellow trooper, while facing life-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of March 7, 2013, Senior Trooper Moss was traveling south on Interstate 85 in Dinwiddie County when he encountered a trooper's vehicle crashed in the woods near mile marker 45; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon exiting his vehicle, Senior Trooper Moss found himself in an active shooter situation and spent the next six minutes returning fire with a subject who had already fatally shot Master Trooper Junius A. Walker; and

WHEREAS, in addition to managing a violent exchange of gunfire, Senior Trooper Moss still had the presence of mind to stop southbound traffic to protect passing motorists from being caught in the crossfire; and

WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Moss then provided cover for Sergeant Marilyne Wilson and Senior Trooper Bruce W. Carey to safely extract Master Trooper Walker from his crashed, burning patrol car; and

WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Moss graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy in August 2003 as a member of the 105th Basic Session and began his career with the Department assigned to Area 7 in Division I; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Senior Trooper Moss transferred to his current assignment with the Sex Offender Investigative Unit in the Criminal Justice Information Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Moss is a native of East Point, Georgia, and a graduate of Nottoway County public schools and Southside Virginia Community College; he currently resides with his family in Mecklenburg County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Senior Trooper Samuel C. Moss, recipient of the regional and national 2014 Trooper of the Year Awards by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Division of State and Provincial Police and Motorola, Inc.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Senior Trooper Samuel C. Moss as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional service to the Commonwealth.

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