## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 748**

Celebrating the life of Thomas Stewart Belcher.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2015 Agreed to by the Senate, February 10, 2015

WHEREAS, Thomas Stewart Belcher, an active member of the Hampton community, died on January 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Belcher honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Belcher served and safeguarded members of the Hampton community as a medic and firefighter with the Hampton Division of Fire and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Hampton Holiness Chapel, Thomas Belcher served on his church's leadership team and was recognized as an exceptional servant and leader, whose life was a testimony to the power of God; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Belcher's love for family is reflected in his 26-year marriage to Debra Belcher, an employee of the General Assembly from 2006 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Thomas Belcher was an avid sportsman and fan of both NASCAR and the Washington Redskins; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Belcher will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Debra; daughter, Michelle Garrett; granddaughters, Ashley and Kayleigh Toth; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Thomas Stewart Belcher; 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 Thomas Stewart Belcher as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.