HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

Celebrating the life of Michael Dean Tuck.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 26, 2016 Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2016

WHEREAS, Michael Dean Tuck of South Boston, a respected firefighter and first responder who dedicated his life to serving and safeguarding his fellow members of the Halifax County community, died on January 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of South Boston, Michael "Mike" Dean Tuck joined the South Boston Fire Department as a junior firefighter in 1968 at the age of 16; driven by his desire to help and serve others, he was a loyal member of the department and became a regular volunteer with the South Boston Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Mike Tuck became a professional employee of the South Boston Fire Department and rose through the ranks to become captain; he touched countless lives and built a legacy of excellence over the course of his 50-year career in fire service; and

WHEREAS, Mike Tuck passed his wisdom and experience on to a new generation of firefighters and first responders as a teacher and trainer at the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and at Southside Virginia Community College in Keysville; and

WHEREAS, Mike Tuck was also a life member of the Halifax County Rescue Squad, where he served for 44 years and became a lieutenant and vice president; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one son, Jason, Mike Tuck will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Elizabeth; son, Chris, and his family; his mother; 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 Michael Dean Tuck; 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 Michael Dean Tuck as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.