2016 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Celebrating the life of Jesse Clingenpeel.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 15, 2016 Agreed to by the Senate, January 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Jesse Clingenpeel of Roanoke, a member of the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department, a proud veteran of the United States military, a man of faith, and a devoted husband and friend, died on November 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Clingenpeel, who had dreamed of serving his country since he was a young boy, enlisted in the United States Army when he was 17; he was stationed in Afghanistan where in 2009 he was gravely injured; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the Purple Heart, Jesse Clingenpeel left active military service because of his combat injuries; after recovering from his wounds, he sought new opportunities to serve the community and joined the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department in 2013; and

WHEREAS, as part of his work for the City of Roanoke as a first responder, Jesse Clingenpeel started attending emergency medical technician classes and was planning to be a paramedic, thus continuing his life's goal to protect and serve; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Clingenpeel was a man of deep faith and a friend to all who knew him; he is remembered for his ability to light up a room with his presence and his friendly demeanor with all people; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Clingenpeel was a devoted husband who will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Amber, whom he married in 2013; his parents; and many other family members, friends, and fellow first responders; 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 Jesse Clingenpeel of Roanoke, a proud veteran who also served the community as a member of the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department, a man of great faith, and a devoted husband and friend; 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 Jesse Clingenpeel as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.