

2016 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 165

Celebrating the life of Samuel Earl Newton.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2016
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 4, 2016

WHEREAS, Samuel Earl Newton, a dedicated law-enforcement officer who was one of the original members of the Albemarle County Police Department and a friend to many people in the community, died on January 26, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Earl Newton grew up in Scottsville and honorably served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War; in 1983, he began his career in law enforcement as a patrol officer with the newly created Albemarle County Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Earl Newton rose through the ranks to become a lieutenant, led the patrol and investigations division, then served as public information officer before his well-earned retirement in 2004; he later worked on a security detail for the federal courthouse in Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Earl Newton earned respect for his intelligence, generosity, and commitment to both his officers and members of the public; he and his family often prepared a hot meal for officers working on holidays; and

WHEREAS, Earl Newton worked to enhance the community as a past master of Scottsville Masonic Lodge No. 45 and a loyal member of Royal Arch Masons, ACCA Shriners, and the Thompson-Hall Lodge No. 5 of the Fraternal Order of Police; and

WHEREAS, leaving behind a legacy of excellence to his fellow members of the Albemarle County Police Department, Earl Newton was an exemplar of the compassion, professionalism, and dedication to duty demonstrated by law-enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Earl Newton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 40 years, Gloria; daughters, Heather and Erica, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Samuel Earl Newton, a distinguished law-enforcement officer and an admired member of the Albemarle County community; and, be it

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

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