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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 315
Offered January 20, 2017
Celebrating the life of Fred Walker Callis, Sr.
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WHEREAS, Fred Walker Callis, Sr., a decorated Vietnam veteran, volunteer fireman, and respected and beloved member of the Suffolk community, died on July 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, born in Portsmouth to the late Sam and Jessie Callis, Fred Callis served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, during which he lost a leg in combat and received two Purple Hearts for his service; and

WHEREAS, when Fred Callis returned home he decided to attend a local community college to pursue a degree in architecture; and

WHEREAS, Fred Callis was a lifetime member and former assistant chief of the Driver Volunteer Fire Department and he was honored to be chosen to design the company firehouse on Bennetts Pasture Road in Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, Fred Callis was active in his community and especially enjoyed outdoor recreation through his memberships in the Gates County Hunt Club, Norfolk County Anglers Club, and Woodmen of the World; and

WHEREAS, Fred Callis loved fishing, hunting, watching races at Langley Speedway, and working on his many creative projects, which he always seemed to have; and

WHEREAS, a beloved husband and devoted father, Fred Callis worked hard at everything he did and didn't sugarcoat anything; his reputation for being rough around the edges belied a soft heart; and

WHEREAS, Fred Callis is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Eva; sons, Stephan and Fred; and numerous other relatives and good friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Fred Walker Callis, Sr., a decorated Vietnam veteran, volunteer fireman, and respected member of the Suffolk community; 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 Fred Walker Callis, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.