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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 309

Offered February 20, 2018

Celebrating the life of Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen III.

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WHEREAS, Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen III, an experienced helicopter pilot and the commander of the Virginia State Police Aviation Unit, died in the line of duty on August 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York, Jay Cullen graduated from Germantown High School in Tennessee in 1987, then earned a bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and worked as a flight instructor in Front Royal and Winchester; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to the Commonwealth, Jay Cullen joined the Virginia State Police, graduating with the 90th Basic Session in 1994; he was first assigned to the Fairfax Division Area 9 Office, then joined the Aviation Unit in 1999; and

WHEREAS, between 1999 and 2017, Jay Cullen served at Virginia State Police aviation bases in Manassas, Lynchburg, and Chesterfield County; and

WHEREAS, during that time, Jay Cullen graduated from the National Criminal Justice Command College at the University of Virginia and served as a pilot for Governor Terence R. McAuliffe; and

WHEREAS, in February 2017, Jay Cullen achieved the rank of lieutenant and was named commander of the Virginia State Police Aviation Unit; and

WHEREAS, Jay Cullen made the ultimate sacrifice near Charlottesville while providing helicopter support to officers on the ground; and

WHEREAS, Jay Cullen served the Commonwealth with integrity, and his sacrifice is a reminder of the dangers bravely faced by law-enforcement officers and first responders throughout the United States every day; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional leadership of and contributions to the Virginia State Police Aviation Unit, the Chesterfield Aviation Base was renamed the Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen Hangar in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Jay Cullen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Karen; their two sons; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow law-enforcement officers; 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 Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen III, a respected Virginia State Police aviator; 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 Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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