

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 416

Celebrating the life of Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 2018

WHEREAS, Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett, a distinguished law-enforcement officer with a passion for serving and protecting the members of the Carroll County community, died in the line of duty on March 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett graduated from Galax High School and honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army and as a security officer at the United States Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2013, Curtis Bartlett joined the Carroll County Sheriff's Department as an unpaid auxiliary officer to maintain his law-enforcement certifications between deployments to Iraq, demonstrating unparalleled commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett also served with a police department in North Carolina before accepting a full-time position with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, initially assigned as a school resource officer, Curtis Bartlett was stationed at Hillsville Elementary School and worked shifts at each of the county's elementary schools; he was well-known for his ability to engage and connect with the students in his care; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett motivated his fellow deputies and members of the community to work toward healthier lifestyles as a CrossFit trainer and was also a skilled private pilot; and

WHEREAS, drawing on his experience as a military working dog handler, Curtis Bartlett had planned to train his dog, Tyco, as a bomb-sniffing dog for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and had already used his own money to pay for certification courses; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett made the ultimate sacrifice while en route to assist other officers with an ongoing pursuit of a speeding vehicle; he was the first Carroll County law-enforcement officer to die in the line of duty since 1974 and only the third in the county's history; and

WHEREAS, admired for his positivity, work ethic, and enthusiasm for helping others, Curtis Bartlett served the Carroll County community with the utmost integrity, professionalism, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Sam and Linda; his four siblings; 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 Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett; 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 Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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