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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1034

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Celebrating the life of Norman Brooks.

Patrons—Orrock, Cole, Fowler and Thomas; Senators: Reeves and Stuart

WHEREAS, Norman Brooks, the highly admired chief of the Spotsylvania Volunteer Fire Department, who touched countless lives over the course of his 47-year career as a firefighter, died on February 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Norman Brooks joined the Spotsylvania Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter in 1972 and was one of the first four professional firefighters hired by Spotsylvania County in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Norman Brooks rose through the ranks of several departments, bridging the gap between career and volunteer firefighters and ultimately playing a key role in the county's successful implementation of a combination system; and

WHEREAS, Norman Brooks returned to the Spotsylvania Volunteer Fire Department as chief in 2013; he earned a reputation as a "firefighter's chief" for his active leadership in responding to emergencies and incomparable work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Norman Brooks led by example and was a mentor to countless young firefighters, fostering teamwork, trust, and a commitment to excellence in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Norman Brooks will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Janet; his six children; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow first responders in Spotsylvania County; 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 Norman Brooks, a dedicated firefighter who served the Spotsylvania County community for many years; 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 Norman Brooks as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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