

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1034

*Celebrating the life of Norman Brooks.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

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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