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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 831**

Offered February 6, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Andrew Dalton Elder, Sr.*

Patrons—Edmunds; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Andrew Dalton Elder, Sr., the chief of Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, who served and safeguarded the residents of Prince Edward County for five decades, died on July 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in Charlotte County, Dalton Elder worked in the garment industry for 49 years as a skilled mechanic and cutter for Amelia Dress Company, Star Children's Dress Company, and STEPS, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Dalton Elder joined Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department and EMS as a young man in the spring of 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Dalton Elder was named chief of the department, which safeguards the lives and property of the residents of the Town of Pamplin and parts of the Counties of Appomattox, Charlotte, and Prince Edward; and

WHEREAS, Dalton Elder represented Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department and EMS before the Prince Edward Area Firefighters Association and the Southside Virginia Volunteer Firefighters Association; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the community, Dalton Elder never hesitated to help a friend or neighbor in need, and he touched countless lives through his generosity and servant-leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dalton Elder will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 49 years, Clara; his son, Drew, and his family; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow firefighters; 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 Andrew Dalton Elder, Sr., chief of Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department and EMS; 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 Andrew Dalton Elder, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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