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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 968

Offered February 13, 2019

Celebrating the life of Trooper Lucas B. Dowell.

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WHEREAS, Trooper Lucas B. Dowell, a dedicated law-enforcement officer with the Virginia State Police who was committed to helping others and serving the community, died in the line of duty on February 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Dowell grew up in Chilhowie, where he attended Chilhowie High School; he continued his education at Radford University, earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Dowell graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy with the 122nd Basic Session on November 21, 2014; he was assigned to Area 20 of Division III, which encompasses the City of Lynchburg and the Counties of Amherst and Campbell; and

WHEREAS, a model law-enforcement officer, Lucas Dowell went above and beyond in his service to the public and support for his fellow officers; he became a member of the Division III Tactical Team in 2016 and was certified as a general instructor; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Dowell worked to build trust and mutual respect with members of the public, and he was well-known by family and friends for his sense of humor and ability to captivate a room with his penchant for storytelling; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Dowell made the ultimate sacrifice while executing a search warrant with the Piedmont Regional Drug and Gang Task Force near Farmville, a reminder of the dangers bravely faced by police officers throughout the Commonwealth and the United States as they strive to serve and protect the members of their communities each day; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Dowell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Michael and Rebecca; his sister, Erica; 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 Trooper Lucas B. Dowell; 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 Trooper Lucas B. Dowell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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