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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 340

Offered January 30, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Dennis Lynn Brent.*

Patrons—Peake; Delegates: Bell, Robert B., Toscano and Ware

WHEREAS, Dennis Lynn Brent, a Charlottesville firefighter specialist and the former chief of the Palmyra Volunteer Fire Company, died on December 1, 2018, from occupational cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Brent valiantly served his community and started answering emergency calls with the Palmyra Volunteer Fire Company at the age of 17 and served for 38 years, holding several leadership positions and ultimately becoming chief; and

WHEREAS, in December 2000, Dennis Brent's dream came true when he was hired as a firefighter for the City of Charlottesville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Brent was a National Honor Guard Academy graduate and a proud member of the Charlottesville Honor Guard, which led him to travel the country to honor firefighters who had died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Brent faithfully served the citizens of Charlottesville for 17 years before his diagnosis forced him to retire from the job he loved in February 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Brent had a tremendous heart and was a natural mentor to younger firefighters and new company officers; he lived all of his life placing the needs of others before himself and did so with grace, humility, and love; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to family and friends, Dennis Brent will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife, Deborah McDonald Brent; his son, Travis Lynn Brent and his wife Kathryn Rachel; his brothers, Mike Brent and wife Kathy, and Paul Dean Brent; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Brent will be missed, but never forgotten, and his fire department family will proudly carry forward his legacy of selfless service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dennis Lynn Brent, a tireless hero who dedicated 38 years of his life to fighting fires in the City of Charlottesville and Fluvanna County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Dennis Lynn Brent as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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