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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 346

Offered January 31, 2019

Celebrating the life of James Mapp Chandler.

Patrons—Cosgrove; Delegates: Knight and Wright

WHEREAS, James Mapp Chandler of Norfolk, who was a major force in the advancement of pre-hospital emergency care in Virginia while serving as the executive director of the Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Council for over 30 years, passed away unexpectedly following a brief illness on May 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Chandler was a native of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, having been born and raised in Onancock; as a teenager he became involved in emergency medical services (EMS), volunteering as a firefighter and rescue squad member with the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Jim Chandler continued to pursue his passion for EMS while attending Virginia Tech, and was a life member and past captain of the Virginia Tech Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Virginia Tech, Jim Chandler continued his work in the field of emergency medical services by volunteering with the Campbell County Rescue Squad in Lynchburg and the Princess Ann Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Jim Chandler began his professional career in EMS as a field coordinator for the Eastern Shore Medical Services Council before joining the Blue Ridge EMS Council in Lynchburg as executive director; and

WHEREAS, Jim Chandler returned to the Tidewater area, first serving as a training coordinator and then as executive director for the Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Council, a position he held at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Jim Chandler also proudly served as an administrative and finance section chief for the Virginia-1 Disaster Assistance Team, a part of the National Disaster Medical System; and

WHEREAS, Jim Chandler was a true Virginia gentleman, and those who had the honor of knowing him are much better for having had Jim as their friend; and

WHEREAS, Jim Chandler will be lovingly remembered by his multitude of friends and will be especially missed by his devoted wife, Ramona, and his daughters, Chelsea and Kendall; 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 a fine public servant and outstanding Virginian, James Mapp Chandler; and, be it

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

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