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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 215

Offered March 2, 2020

*Celebrating the life of Charles Calvin Singleton.*

Patrons—Ruff, Boysko, Chafin, Deeds, Howell, Peake, Reeves and Stanley; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Cole, M.L., Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Marshall, Poindexter, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds, Ware, Willett and Wright

WHEREAS, Charles Calvin Singleton, an honorable veteran, dedicated firefighter, valued civil servant, and beloved member of the Vienna and Ebony communities, died on January 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Charles Singleton bravely served his country with the United States Army in Austria during World War II and in Korea during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, shortly after concluding his service, Charles Singleton began a career with C&P Telephone Company, where he worked for 32 years, retiring in 1981; and

WHEREAS, a great passion of Charles Singleton's life was serving the volunteer fire department in his communities; he joined the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department in 1952, which he served until moving to Ebony in 1981, at which point he joined the Ebony Volunteer Fire Department, where he would serve the rest of his life, including as chief for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, inducted into the Virginia State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame in 1994, Charles Singleton received many distinctions for his service as a firefighter through the years, including the President's Award from the Virginia State Fire Chiefs Association and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Volunteer Fire Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Charles Singleton was appointed by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors to serve as the chair of the county's Emergency Services Council, a position he carried out dutifully for many years; and

WHEREAS, for almost four decades, Charles Singleton advocated tirelessly on behalf of the firefighting community before the General Assembly and the United States Congress as a leader of the Virginia State Firefighters Association's legislative committee; and

WHEREAS, Charles Singleton will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Viola; his children, Carolyn, Joyce, and Ron, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Charles Calvin Singleton, who touched countless lives as a firefighter, civil servant, and friend; and, be it

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