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# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 617

Offered October 1, 2020

*Celebrating the life of Charles C. Woods.*

Patrons—O'Quinn, Campbell, J.L., Kilgore and Morefield

WHEREAS, Charles C. Woods, a courageous and beloved firefighter who touched countless lives in Marion and Smyth County, died on September 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Charles Woods, affectionately known to friends and family as "Dog," was born in Smyth County, where he was an active and engaged member of his community all of his life; and

WHEREAS, Charles Woods worked at Hayes Carpet for nearly two decades and later oversaw maintenance at the Park Terrace Apartments in Marion for more than 17 years, demonstrating a tireless work ethic and conducting his business with great care and attention; and

WHEREAS, Charles Woods was a cherished member of the Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Department for 34 years, valiantly risking his life time and again to protect the citizens and property of Adwolfe and Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, a certified emergency medical technician, Charles Woods was a member of the Marion Life Saving Crew for several years, delivering timely and effective medical care to aid the health and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, a devoted fan of NASCAR, Charles Woods was a proud member of the Bristol Motor Speedway fire team, ensuring the raceway's events were carried out in a safe and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his decisive actions to assist an individual in need, Charles Woods was the recipient of a lifesaving award during his career; and

WHEREAS, to honor his bravery and service to others, full fireman's honors were rendered by the Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Department during Charles Woods' interment; and

WHEREAS, Charles Woods will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 35 years, Missy; his children, Zack and Jimmy, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Charles C. Woods, an esteemed and honorable firefighter who inspired his community through his heroism and valor; 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 Charles C. Woods as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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