

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 507

Celebrating the life of Joe Louis Hairston.

Agreed to by the Senate, August 19, 2020

WHEREAS, Joe Louis Hairston, a longtime officer with the Henry County Sheriff's Department who bravely devoted himself to protecting and serving his community, died on August 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Henry County, Joe Hairston admirably served the Henry County Sheriff's Department for 39 years before his retirement in 2009, establishing a reputation as a hardworking, fair, and compassionate officer; and

WHEREAS, beginning his career as a deputy and serving nine years as an investigator, Joe Hairston spent the last 24 years of his career as first lieutenant, working with several local, state, and federal agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to preparing the next generations of police officers, Joe Hairston worked with the Commonwealth's police training academies in the Piedmont, New River, and Central Virginia regions; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of his community, Joe Hairston gave generously of his time to the Carver Ruritan Club, the Salvation Army, and the Axton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Joe Hairston enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at the Shiloh Way of the Cross Church in Martinsville for many years; and

WHEREAS, a passionate and driven leader of men, Joe Hairston served both his local church and its international organization in various leadership positions, including as treasurer of the national deacon board of the Way of the Cross Church of Christ International; and

WHEREAS, Joe Hairston will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his loving wife, Barbara; his daughter, Valerie, and her family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Joe Louis Hairston, a distinguished member of the Henry County Sheriff's Department who inspired others through his wisdom, courage, and kindness; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Joe Louis Hairston as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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