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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 171

Offered January 31, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Firefighter Christopher George Griffin.*

Patrons—Jenkins, Avoli, Campbell, R.R., Carr, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Hope, Keam, Maldonado, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds, Ware and Williams; Senators: Boysko, Ebbin, Howell, Lucas, McPike, Reeves, Spruill and Surovell

WHEREAS, Firefighter Christopher George Griffin, a member of Norfolk Fire-Rescue, died October 1, 2021, after battling occupational brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Griffin was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and resided in Suffolk at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Griffin joined the Chinchilla Hose Company of South Abington Township when he was just 14 years old; he enjoyed a 24-year career with the department and rose through the ranks to become fire chief; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Virginia in 2012, Firefighter Griffin joined Norfolk Fire-Rescue and bravely served the community as a member of Stations 2, 7, 10, 12, and 13; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Griffin was a genuine friend and a trusted mentor to many of his fellow public safety officers, and his passion and dedication for the profession were unmistakable; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Griffin was a member of Waverly Masonic Lodge No. 301 and the Lackawanna Royal Arch Chapter No. 185 in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, defined by his selflessness and compassion, Firefighter Griffin dedicated his life to service and always put the needs of others above his own; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Griffin brought joy to others through his jovial sense of humor and loved to make people laugh; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Griffin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 13 years, Aimee Jenkins-Griffin; son, David Hunter Griffin; mother, Sandra Sterling Griffin; sister, Shannon Sacchetti, father-in-law and mother-in-law, David and Linda Jenkins; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow firefighters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Firefighter Christopher George Griffin, a tireless hero who dedicated nearly 10 years of his life to serving and safeguarding Norfolk residents; 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 Firefighter Christopher George Griffin as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his service to the Commonwealth.

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