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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51**

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*Celebrating the life of Officer Michael D. Chandler.*

Patrons—Kilgore, Adams, D.M., Austin, Carr, Convirs-Fowler, LaRock, Morefield, O'Quinn, Plum, Rasoul, Reid, Roem, Runion, Simonds, Subramanyam, Ware, Wiley, Willett, Williams and Wright; Senators: Hanger, Howell, McPike, Peake, Pillion, Reeves and Ruff

WHEREAS, Officer Michael D. Chandler, a dedicated law-enforcement officer and a beloved husband, father, son, and brother in Big Stone Gap was killed in the line of duty on November 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler grew up in Wise County and graduated from Powell Valley High School with the class of 2011; as a member of the football team, he was the last person to score a touchdown for the Powell Valley Vikings before the school was consolidated into Union High School; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler followed in the footsteps of several generations of family members when he pursued a career in public safety, joining the Big Stone Gap Fire Department in 2015; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Michael Chandler joined the Big Stone Gap Police Department in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler was an avid outdoorsman who relished every opportunity to spend time hunting, fishing, or enjoying the scenic mountain vistas in the region; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Natasha; his daughter, Kamryn; his mother, Rebecca; his brother, Chris; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow public safety officers; 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 Michael D. Chandler; 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 Officer Michael D. Chandler as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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