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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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*Celebrating the life of James Anthony Sisk.*

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WHEREAS, James Anthony Sisk, a captain with the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office and a 27-year veteran of law enforcement, contracted COVID-19 in the line of duty and died on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Culpeper, James Anthony "Tony" Sisk was a member of the Culpeper County High School Class of 1990 and began his illustrious career in law enforcement in 1994 as a jail deputy under Culpeper County Sheriff Robert Peters; and

WHEREAS, Tony Sisk quickly advanced to serve with both the patrol division and the criminal investigations division of the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office and was a vital member of the agency's first special weapons and tactics team from 1999 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, Tony Sisk continued to protect and serve the residents of Culpeper County as a member of the Culpeper Police Department from 2004 to 2008, including two years with the agency's first special weapons and tactics team; he later served in the Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office's patrol and criminal investigations divisions from 2008 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, Tony Sisk returned to his hometown and his first agency, the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office, in 2012, where, after serving as lieutenant in charge of both the court division and the patrol division, he was named captain, taking command of the agency's patrol division; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his efforts to support victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault, the Culpeper Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force honored Tony Sisk with its lifetime achievement award in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Tony Sisk was a generous mentor and an accomplished long-range shooter who took great delight in sharing his knowledge and expertise of firearms and shooting with his fellow officers, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, beyond his service as a law-enforcement officer, Tony Sisk was an active and engaged member of his community, holding the title of master mason with Fairfax Lodge No. 43 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons since 1996; and

WHEREAS, the remains of Tony Sisk were transported from Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax to Found & Sons Funeral Chapel in Culpeper, many individuals gathered along the route to pay their respects, a moving tribute to his profound and lasting impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, Tony Sisk will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 30 years, Eileen; his daughters, Sarah and Hallie, and their families; his parents Kerry and Patsy; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 James Anthony Sisk, captain of the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office, who nobly served the citizens of the Commonwealth; 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 James Anthony Sisk as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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