

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 583

Celebrating the life of Joseph Edward Carey, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2023

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023

WHEREAS, Joseph Edward Carey, Sr., chief of the Brodnax Police Department and a beloved member of the Wylliesburg community, died in the line of duty on December 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Edward Carey, Sr., devoted more than 40 years to protecting and serving his community as a law-enforcement officer, working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Joe Carey was with the Brodnax Police Department for over two decades, serving the citizens of both Mecklenburg and Brunswick Counties as police chief of a town that is part of both localities; and

WHEREAS, Joe Carey was also actively involved in safeguarding the community in his home of Wylliesburg, maintaining memberships with both the Charlotte County Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Bacon District Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Joe Carey served for eight years on the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors, where his leadership and expertise helped to guide the locality's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong supporter of the Future Farmers of America, Joe Carey managed the arduous task of operating a cattle farm alongside his career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Joe Carey enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Wylliesburg Evangelical Presbyterian Church for many years; he was also a member of his local masonic lodge; and

WHEREAS, Joe Carey's friendly and personable nature endeared him to all who knew him and was a reflection of his deep commitment to caring for and supporting the communities where he worked and lived; and

WHEREAS, Joe Carey will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 40 years, Beverly; his sons, Joey, Matthew, and Jonathan, and their families; 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 Joseph Edward Carey, Sr., chief of the Brodnax Police Department and a cherished member of the Wylliesburg community whose service and dedication made a profound and lasting impact on countless lives; 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 Joseph Edward Carey, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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