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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 804

Offered February 20, 2023

Celebrating the life of Eugene N. Hodnett.

Patrons—Adams, L.R., Marshall and Williams; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Eugene N. Hodnett, a trailblazing law-enforcement officer who served and protected the residents of Chatham for many years, died on June 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pittsylvania County, Eugene Hodnett broke down barriers as the first African American police officer ever hired by the Town of Chatham; and

WHEREAS, during his career as a law-enforcement officer, Eugene Hodnett led by example and was a trusted mentor to many other members of the Chatham Police Department, having received the rank of sergeant, in which capacity he led the department until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hodnett fostered strong relationships between the Chatham Police Department and members of the public, and he took a special interest in serving and supporting local young people; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hodnett left behind a legacy of excellence to his fellow officers when he retired from the Chatham Police Department in 1994, having served the community with the utmost dedication, integrity, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hodnett also volunteered his time and leadership to the Pittsylvania County branch of the NAACP, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Hopel Chapel Baptist Church in Dry Fork; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his only acquainted son, Jeffrey, Eugene Hodnett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Audrey; his children, Michael, Harvey, Juliet, Marilyn, Janett, Pamela, and their families; three acquainted daughters, Cynthia, Rosalyn, and Angela, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Eugene N. Hodnett, a highly admired law-enforcement officer in Chatham; 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 Eugene N. Hodnett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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