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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 300**

Offered February 9, 2023

Celebrating the life of Kenneth Wayne Blevins, Sr.

Patrons—Scott, P.A., Durant, Fowler and Orrock

WHEREAS, Kenneth Wayne Blevins, Sr., an honorable veteran, esteemed law-enforcement officer, and beloved member of the Greater Fredericksburg community, died on December 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Blevins proudly served with the United States Navy, spending a short time enlisted due to an injury and receiving an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Blevins dedicated more than 40 years to a distinguished career in law enforcement, both in and around Fredericksburg, beginning his career with the Department of Corrections before working with the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Office, the Aquia Harbour Police Department, and the Stafford County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Stafford County Sheriff's Office at the rank of detective, Kenneth Blevins transferred to the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office and attained the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, following a stint with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Kenneth Blevins joined the Colonial Beach Police Department, where he rose through the ranks to become chief of police, a position he held until his retirement in 2013; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Kenneth Blevins' devotion to his community was unflagging, and he resumed working at the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office as a part-time deputy in the Courts and Civil Process Division, ultimately achieving the rank of senior deputy; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Blevins also promoted the safety and well-being of the Stafford community as a volunteer firefighter with Company #01 of what is now the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Blevins was passionate about music from a young age and would often sing and play a variety of instruments for the enjoyment of friends and family, while also regularly supporting local music venues and bands; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Blevins was active in the community as a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #4123 in Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife of 47 years, Rose Marie, Kenneth Blevins will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Conrad, Rebekah, and Kenneth, Jr., and their families and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Kenneth Wayne Blevins, Sr., a respected veteran and law-enforcement officer whose kindness and generosity brightened 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 Kenneth Wayne Blevins, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.