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HOUSE BILL NO. 183

Offered January 12, 2000

A BILL to award a service handgun to the widow of Trooper Troy D. Ashe.

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Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

Whereas, Trooper Troy D. Ashe served the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Deputy Sheriff in Middlesex County from November 1991 until July 31, 1993; and

Whereas, Trooper Ashe served the Commonwealth as a Marine Patrol Officer with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission from August 1, 1993, until November 30, 1995; and

Whereas, Trooper Ashe served the Commonwealth as a Trooper with the Virginia Department of State Police from December 1, 1995, until April 15, 1999; and

Whereas, Trooper Ashe received numerous commendations during his law enforcement career; and Whereas, Trooper Ashe was killed in an accident on April 15, 1999; and

Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate that Trooper Troy D. Ashe's exceptional service to the Commonwealth be recognized by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That Jennifer M. Ashe, the widow of Trooper Troy D. Ashe, be, and hereby is, vested with title to, and authorized to possess and retain as her own, Trooper Troy D. Ashe's service handgun, which he used as a member of the Virginia Department of State Police. This transfer is made as a visible and express token of the appreciation of the General Assembly for the professionalism, devotion, and dedication of Trooper Troy D. Ashe.