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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5035

Offered June 6, 2006

Celebrating the life of Officer Seneca B. Darden.

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WHEREAS, Seneca B. Darden, of the Norfolk Police Department, died in the line of duty on May 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Officer Darden is remembered for his valiant performance as a law-enforcement officer and for his devotion to his faith, family, and fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Darden was born on June 30, 1980, in Franklin, for most of his youth grew up in Courtland, and later relocated with his family to Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, a 1998 graduate of Southampton High School, Seneca Darden majored in public administration at Virginia State University and aspired to be a dedicated police officer like his uncle; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Darden joined the Norfolk Police Department in September 2002 and served the residents of Norfolk for over four years as an outstanding public servant; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Darden was a faithful and enthusiastic member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Drewryville, participated in its numerous ministries, and sang in its inspirational male chorus; and

WHEREAS, Officer Darden will be remembered for his generous and compassionate nature and his ability to bring laughter and happiness to everyone he knew; he immensely enjoyed the thrill of riding his motorcycle with his fellow officers and friends; and

WHEREAS, Officer Darden will be sorely missed by his devoted wife, Brindle, and his wonderful daughter, Mariah; his loving parents, two sisters, and three brothers; and numerous other beloved family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the untimely death of Officer Darden is tragic, not only for his family but also for his fellow law-enforcement officers and the citizens of the Commonwealth, and it is a reminder of the great sacrifices made by our police officers and all first responders throughout the Commonwealth and the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of an exemplary law-enforcement officer and outstanding Virginian, Seneca B. Darden; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Seneca B. Darden as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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