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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 859

Offered February 6, 2009

*Celebrating the life of Shelton L. Darden, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, Shelton L. Darden, Sr., of Norfolk, a respected citizen and a retired assistant chief for the Norfolk Police Department, died on January 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Shelton L. Darden, Sr., was born on January 21, 1947, in Courtland and received an undergraduate degree and a master's degree from Norfolk State University; and

WHEREAS, Shelton Darden was a hardworking and experienced law-enforcement officer for the Norfolk Police Department for 37 years; he quickly rose through the ranks to become captain, major, and assistant chief, and he served as interim department chief from 2002 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Shelton Darden was especially proud of his valuable contributions to the establishment of a recruitment unit for the Norfolk Police Department; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary law-enforcement officer and leader, Shelton Darden served as a mentor and role model to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Shelton Darden was an active member of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as NOBLE, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and

WHEREAS, Shelton Darden will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Sandra C. Darden; his son, Shelton L. Darden, Jr.; his sisters and brothers; and a host of other loving relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine law-enforcement officer and outstanding Virginian, Shelton L. Darden, Sr.; 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 Shelton L. Darden, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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