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1                   **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 727**

2                   Offered January 21, 2011

3                   *Celebrating the life of Posey W. Dillon.*

4                   Patrons—Poindexter; Senator: Stanley

5                   WHEREAS, Posey W. Dillon, the beloved fire chief of the Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department and vice mayor of the Town of Rocky Mount, died in the line of duty on July 26, 2010; and

6                   WHEREAS, Posey Dillon and William "Danny" Altice, both longtime members of the Rocky Mount 7                   Volunteer Fire Department, were en route to a call when an SUV hit their fire truck at a busy 8                   intersection, causing it to roll several times; and

9                   WHEREAS, a 33-year veteran, Posey Dillon joined the Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department in 10                   1977 and served as captain and assistant chief before being promoted to fire chief in 1990; and

11                   WHEREAS, known for his unflagging dedication to the department and community, Posey Dillon 12                   worked diligently to ensure the best training and equipment for the firefighters, oversaw the department's 13                   fire prevention and public education efforts, and responded to countless calls himself; and

14                   WHEREAS, in addition to his duties with the Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department, Posey 15                   Dillon also served on the Town Council from 1980 to 2000 and was reappointed in 2006; he served as 16                   vice mayor from 1992 to 2000 and had been serving as vice mayor since 2008; and

17                   WHEREAS, respected and admired throughout the community, Posey Dillon served on numerous 18                   town committees over the years and was also a member of the West Piedmont Planning District 19                   Commission from 1982 to 1993; and

20                   WHEREAS, a valued and hard-working employee, Posey Dillon had just retired from American 21                   Electric Power on June 1, 2010, after 30 years of exemplary service to the company; and

22                   WHEREAS, a man of great faith, Posey Dillon was a longtime member of Glade Hill Baptist 23                   Church, where he served as a deacon and finance director; and

24                   WHEREAS, Posey Dillon's tragic death is a reminder of the dangers faced daily by the thousands of 25                   volunteer fire and rescue personnel throughout the Commonwealth; and

26                   WHEREAS, a true public servant, Posey Dillon selflessly devoted immeasurable hours to ensure the 27                   safety of his fellow neighbors and efficient and effective government for local residents; and

28                   WHEREAS, Posey Dillon will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 35 29                   years, Ann; his mother, Hilda; and numerous other family members, friends, and the residents of Rocky 30                   Mount; now, therefore, be it

31                   RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby 32                   note with great sadness the untimely loss of Posey W. Dillon; and, be it

33                   RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution 34                   for presentation to the family of Posey W. Dillon as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for 35                   his life of service to his community.

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