

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

*Celebrating the life of Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., former City of Richmond Chief of Police.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 2014  
 Agreed to by the Senate, January 23, 2014

WHEREAS, Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., a native of Richmond and the City's 10th Chief of Police since the American Civil War, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., was born into a family of law-enforcement officers, and as a young boy he longed to become a police officer and pursued his lifelong dream by walking 22 blocks from his home to police headquarters each Sunday to fraternize with police officers; he collected police badges as a hobby and waited tables at a two-week police training session at the University of Richmond in order that he might sit in on classes after work; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., was educated in the Richmond Public Schools and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1941; after high school, he worked at the First & Merchants Bank during the day and served without compensation as a reserve policeman at night; and

WHEREAS, he was sworn in as a Richmond patrolman on December 24, 1944, 20 days after his 21st birthday; rising through the ranks, he worked in patrol, the juvenile division, at the Training Academy, in the Inspector's Office, and as Commander of Investigative Operations; he was promoted to sergeant in 1950, to lieutenant in 1953, to captain at age 33 in 1957, to major in 1960, and rose to chief of police on December 30, 1967, at age 44; and

WHEREAS, as Chief of Police, Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., established a Police Community Services Unit, a Community Radio Watch program, and the Internal Affairs Division, and under his leadership, the Richmond Police Department became one of the first in the state to place female officers on uniformed patrol; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Richmond Police Department from 1944 until his retirement in 1989, nearly 45 years on the force, of which 22 years were as chief of police, the longest-serving chief of police in the history of the city; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., received 250 commendations and awards for his work in law enforcement, and recognition for his dedicated community service, which included serving as president of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police; a seven-year member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; a charter member of the John Marshall Lodge 2 of the Fraternal Order of Police and the organization's Virginia State Lodge president for six years; vice president of the Richmond Area Mental Health Association, in which he was instrumental in providing training in handling people with behavioral problems; an American Red Cross volunteer for more than 25 years; a member of the Central Virginia Crime Clinic, and the Virginia State Crime Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., was an active member of Northminster Baptist Church, and a longtime Mason and Shriner, aiding children in need of specialized medical care; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., leaves a legacy of outstanding community service and leadership and will be remembered for his tenacity, fairness, and ability to hold officers to the highest professional standards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., former City of Richmond Chief of Police; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Colonel Frank Samuel Duling, Jr., the longest serving Chief of Police in the history of the City of Richmond, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and his dedicated service to the city and the Commonwealth.

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