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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 122

Offered February 4, 2014

*Celebrating the life of J. Michael Phillippi.*

Patrons—Stanley; Delegates: Adams and Marshall, D.W.

WHEREAS, J. Michael Phillippi, a revered state police officer who served the Counties of Henry and Patrick for the majority of his career, died while in the line of duty on January 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gate City, J. Michael Phillippi joined the Virginia State Police in 1971 and rose through the ranks to become a sergeant in 1990; and

WHEREAS, for most of his 42-year career, Sergeant Phillippi was assigned to the Area 42 Office of Division Six - Salem, patrolling the Counties of Henry and Patrick; as a department supervisor, he strived to act as a role model and mentor for his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to the department's mission to protect and serve the community, Sergeant Phillippi was a man of strong character and a highly professional officer; he treated members of the community with courtesy, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, a supportive leader, Sergeant Phillippi always took the time to help a friend or fellow officer in need; he was well-known for exhibiting the ideal qualities of a law-enforcement officer, and he embodied the principles of the Virginia State Police: Valor, Service, and Pride; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Phillippi's untimely death is a reminder of the daily dangers faced by law-enforcement officers and first responders throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Phillippi will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his wife, Peggy, and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow law-enforcement officers in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of J. Michael Phillippi, an admired protector and servant of the Counties of Henry and Patrick; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of J. Michael Phillippi as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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