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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 869

Offered February 2, 2017

Celebrating the life of Anthony Pearly Tucker, Jr.

Patrons—Ware, Boysko, Cole, Davis, Fariss, Hope, Jones, Keam, Knight, Landes, Leftwich, Mullin, Plum, Rasoul and Simon; Senators: Ebbin, Howell, Peake, Ruff and Spruill

WHEREAS, Anthony Pearly Tucker, Jr., born on June 14, 1932, in Brookneal, went into eternal life with the Lord on November 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., was the fourth of five children and reared by parents who instilled in him a spirit of service, respect for self and others, and a foundation of virtues upon which his character was formed; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., served his country in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1955; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., began an enviable law-enforcement record starting with the Lynchburg Police Department from 1955 to 1959; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., from 1959 to 1963 served as a trooper with the Virginia State Police; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., was a patrolman with the Chesterfield Police Department from 1964 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., joined the Division of Capitol Police in 1970 as a Major, retiring with the rank of Colonel in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., in addition to his duties with the Division, served the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Legislative Services and Security Association, including hosting its conference in Richmond in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., served six Governors of Virginia: the Honorable Mills E. Godwin, Jr.; the Honorable Linwood Holton, Jr.; the Honorable John N. Dalton; the Honorable Charles S. Robb; the Honorable Gerald L. Baliles; and the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., provided the Division of Capitol Police with firm, professional, and compassionate leadership for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., was known as the most generous and caring neighbor and friend to all who knew him and to strangers as well; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., led a life of personal integrity, unblemished service, civic leadership, and professional excellence and had an unabashed commitment to his faith and family; and

WHEREAS, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., personified the scripture of Micah 6:8, "Seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God"; and

WHEREAS, bereft family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and many others who loved and knew him are flooded with sweet memories and sorrow, and although the community has been diminished by his departure, Anthony P. Tucker, Jr., leaves a legacy worthy of emulation; 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 Anthony Pearly Tucker, Jr.; 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 Anthony Pearly Tucker, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's abiding respect and esteem for his memory and his enduring contributions to Richmond and the Commonwealth.

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