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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 416

Offered February 28, 2018

Celebrating the life of Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett.

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WHEREAS, Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett, a distinguished law-enforcement officer with a passion for serving and protecting the members of the Carroll County community, died in the line of duty on March 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett graduated from Galax High School and honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army and as a security officer at the United States Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2013, Curtis Bartlett joined the Carroll County Sheriff's Department as an unpaid auxiliary officer to maintain his law-enforcement certifications between deployments to Iraq, demonstrating unparalleled commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett also served with a police department in North Carolina before accepting a full-time position with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, initially assigned as a school resource officer, Curtis Bartlett was stationed at Hillsville Elementary School and worked shifts at each of the county's elementary schools; he was well-known for his ability to engage and connect with the students in his care; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett motivated his fellow deputies and members of the community to work toward healthier lifestyles as a CrossFit trainer and was also a skilled private pilot; and

WHEREAS, drawing on his experience as a military working dog handler, Curtis Bartlett had planned to train his dog, Tyco, as a bomb-sniffing dog for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and had already used his own money to pay for certification courses; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett made the ultimate sacrifice while en route to assist other officers with an ongoing pursuit of a speeding vehicle; he was the first Carroll County law-enforcement officer to die in the line of duty since 1974 and only the third in the county's history; and

WHEREAS, admired for his positivity, work ethic, and enthusiasm for helping others, Curtis Bartlett served the Carroll County community with the utmost integrity, professionalism, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Bartlett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Sam and Linda; his four siblings; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow law-enforcement officers; 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 Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett; 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 Deputy Curtis Allen Bartlett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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