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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 438

Offered March 1, 2018

Celebrating the life of Wilbert M. Beasley, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Wilbert M. Beasley, Jr., a dedicated member of the Southside Virginia Emergency Crew who made many contributions to his profession and the community, died on January 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Wilbert "Butch" M. Beasley, Jr., was employed by Builders Supply Company of Petersburg for 27 years, where he was store manager and an outside salesman; he stayed with the firm until they closed their doors; and

WHEREAS, Butch Beasley served and safeguarded the members of his community as a 35-year member of the Southside Virginia Emergency Crew (SVEC); he was voted into the Southside Virginia Junior Emergency Crew on November 1, 1981, and then onto the senior squad on August 16, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Butch Beasley served as the operations officer a number of times between 1987 and 2000, served as the crew captain in 1992, and also held all other offices while serving on active duty until 2003; and

WHEREAS, Butch Beasley served as a member and captain of SVEC's Light Duty Rescue Truck competition team from 1985 to 2003, winning multiple first-place trophies in vehicle extrication competitions and also in Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squad (VAVRS) District 3 competitions; and

WHEREAS, from 1985 to 2003, Butch Beasley served as a mentor and instructor for new members for basic life support, vehicle extrication, and emergency vehicle operation courses; and

WHEREAS, Butch Beasley was awarded life membership in SVEC in 1997 and in VAVRS District 3 in 2011; from 2012 until the time of his passing, he served as the life membership chair of District 3; he also served as the alternate district vice president; and

WHEREAS, when Butch Beasley turned 30, he was diagnosed with limb-girdle muscular dystrophy and became an advocate for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and for all of those who are handicapped, while continuing his duties as the SVEC representative to the VAVRS Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, Butch Beasley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 29 years, Nancy; his children, Jourdan, Cara, and Ryan; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Wilbert M. Beasley, Jr., a dedicated member of the Southside Virginia Emergency Crew who made many contributions to the community; 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 Wilbert M. Beasley, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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