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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 611

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*Celebrating the life of Joseph Benjamin Fuller.*

Patrons—Heretick, Adams, D.M., Brewer, Carr, Cole, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Delaney, Guzman, Hope, James, Keam, Kory, Krizek, Landes, Lindsey, Murphy, Rasoul, Rodman, Roem, Simon, Sullivan, Thomas, Torian, Turpin, Ware and Watts; Senators: Barker, Cosgrove, Dance, Favola, Lucas, Marsden, Peake, Spruill, Surovell and Wagner

WHEREAS, Joseph Benjamin Fuller, a fire lieutenant at Engine Company 11 with Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, died in the line of duty on December 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, J. Benjamin Fuller joined Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services on September 5, 1995, and was promoted to fire lieutenant on November 28, 2008; and

WHEREAS, J. Benjamin Fuller had previously served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, J. Benjamin Fuller served on many of the busiest engine companies in Portsmouth, as well as on the department's Hazardous Materials Team; and

WHEREAS, J. Benjamin Fuller died as a result of brain cancer that developed after a 22-year career in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, J. Benjamin Fuller was a lover of music, playing the guitar, going fast, cracking jokes, going to the beach, and spending time with his family and friends, to whom he was deeply dedicated; and

WHEREAS, J. Benjamin Fuller will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his daughter, Lauren Alyssa Fuller; his mother, Patricia Willis Vaughan, and her husband, Jerry; his stepmother, Dee Fuller; his siblings, Chelsea Fuller, Charles Nethercutt, and Jeff Griswold; and his niece, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family who loved him deeply; and

WHEREAS, J. Benjamin Fuller was a larger-than-life personality and will be deeply missed by the members of his fire department and the citizens of the City of Portsmouth; 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 Joseph Benjamin Fuller, a tireless hero who dedicated more than 20 years to fighting fires in the City of Portsmouth; 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 Joseph Benjamin Fuller as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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