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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 871

Offered February 11, 2019

Celebrating the life of Anthony R. Whetzel.

Patrons—Wilt, Gilbert and Landes; Senators: Hanger and Obenshain

WHEREAS, Anthony R. Whetzel, a retired fire captain with the Rockingham County Fire and Rescue Department, died on September 15, 2018, from cancer; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel was raised in Timberville and resided in the neighboring Town of Broadway at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel first joined the fire service as a volunteer firefighter with the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department in May 2005 and went on to be hired by the Rockingham County Fire and Rescue Department in July 2006; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel dedicated 13 years of his life to protecting the citizens of Rockingham County and was a respected leader, mentor, and trainer; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel was promoted to captain in September 2014 after receiving the rank of master fire and rescue technician in November 2008 and the rank of lieutenant in September 2011; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel proudly and valiantly served his community and department despite his illness, working up to within a month of his passing; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to his family and friends, Anthony Whetzel will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife Drenna; his children, Rylan and Callie; his parents, Harry and Faye; and his brother, Dustin, who carries on his legacy as a firefighter with the Rockingham County Fire and Rescue Department; 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 R. Whetzel, a tireless hero who dedicated more than 13 years of his life to fighting fires in Rockingham County; 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 R. Whetzel as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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