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Recognizing June 2019 as Move Over Awareness Month in honor of Lieutenant Bradford Turner Clark.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, law-enforcement officers and first responders face many dangers in their honorable mission to protect and serve their communities, and being struck and killed while working on highways is one of the most common causes of death for first responders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the Virginia State Police and the Virginia Department of Transportation have been actively involved in the Move Over or Slow Down Campaign to educate members of the public on the Move Over law, which was enacted to protect law-enforcement officers and first responders stopped on the side of a highway; and

WHEREAS, Move Over or Slow Down laws have been enacted in all 50 states, and in 2014, the General Assembly designated June as Move Over Awareness Month in Virginia to educate the public on how these laws can help save the lives of both first responders and motorists; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Bradford Turner Clark, a courageous member of the Hanover County Fire and EMS Department, was killed in the line of duty on October 11, 2018, when he and several other firefighters were struck by a tractor-trailer while responding to a vehicle crash on I-295 during severe weather; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Clark, a dedicated husband and father, a veteran, and a 13-year member of the department, worked diligently as an instructor to ensure the safety of his fellow firefighters, and his loss was felt deeply throughout the Hanover County community; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Clark's sacrifice is a stark reminder of the important steps that Virginians can take to support the law-enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders who put their lives on the line to serve and safeguard the members of the public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly recognize June 2019 as Move Over Awareness Month in honor of Lieutenant Bradford Turner Clark; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Lieutenant Bradford Turner Clark so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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