2019 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 364

Celebrating the life of David C. Creasy, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2019 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019

WHEREAS, David C. Creasy, Sr., a retired fire marshal with the City of Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services, died on October 15, 2018, from occupational cancer; and

WHEREAS, David Creasy began his career in 1968 as a volunteer with the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department in Chesterfield County and became a professional firefighter with the City of Richmond in 1974; and

WHEREAS, David Creasy dedicated more than 50 years of his life fighting fires with the City of Richmond Fire Department and Chesterfield County Fire and EMS Department; and

WHEREAS, David Creasy was a recognized leader among his peers and rose to the ranks of senior battalion chief and fire marshal; and

WHEREAS, David Creasy was diagnosed with Stage 4 neuroendocrine carcinoma in July 2014 as the result of prolonged exposure to toxic carcinogens during his firefighting career; and

WHEREAS, after his diagnosis, David Creasy dedicated himself to educating his fellow firefighters throughout the Commonwealth and the nation on the necessary steps to reduce the rate of cancer in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, David Creasy was a tireless champion of cancer awareness, all the while fighting a very aggressive form of cancer himself; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to family and friends, David Creasy will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by the love of his life, Martha; son D.C. Creasy, Jr., and his wife, Jennifer; grandsons, Peyton and Hunter; father-in-law, Clyde Taylor; stepfather, Carl Fisher; and numerous other friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, David Creasy was a born leader and was well known for his trademark sense of humor, his unwavering love for family and friends, and his commitment to reducing the hazards of toxic exposure for his brothers and sisters in uniform; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of David C. Creasy, Sr., a tireless hero who dedicated more than 50 years of his life to fighting fires in the City of Richmond and Chesterfield County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of David C. Creasy, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.