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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 394

Offered February 12, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Anthony Robert Whetzel.*

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WHEREAS, Anthony Robert Whetzel, a professional and devoted firefighter who safeguarded the lives and property of Rockingham County residents, died on September 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel was born in Harrisonburg and attended Broadway High School, where he played football and started volunteering with the fire department as a teenager, and where he also attended the Massanutten Technical Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Anthony Whetzel became a paid Rockingham County firefighter, and in 2014 climbed the ranks to become a captain, where his colleagues say he truly loved his job of helping people; and

WHEREAS, his colleagues remember Anthony Whetzel as someone who was professional, but also fun to be around and could lighten the mood of the oftentimes stressful job of firefighting, and was especially memorable because of his signature majestic moustache; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel retired as a captain for the Rockingham County Department of Fire and Rescue; he volunteered his wise leadership to his peers in fire safety as vice president of the International Association of Professional Firefighters Local 3321; and he contributed to his community as a member of the Concord United Church of Christ near Timberville; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Whetzel, will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Drenna Cook; children, Rylan and Callie; parents, Harry R. and Faye Price Whetzel; grandmother, Laverne Price; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Anthony Robert Whetzel, a professional and devoted firefighter who safeguarded the lives and property of Rockingham County residents; and, be it

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

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