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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Celebrating the life of Officer Michael D. Chandler.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2022
Agreed to by the Senate, January 27, 2022

WHEREAS, Officer Michael D. Chandler, a dedicated law-enforcement officer and a beloved husband, father, son, and brother in Big Stone Gap was killed in the line of duty on November 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler grew up in Wise County and graduated from Powell Valley High School with the Class of 2011; as a member of the football team, he was the last person to score a touchdown for the Powell Valley Vikings before the school was consolidated into Union High School; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler followed in the footsteps of several generations of family members when he pursued a career in public safety, joining the Big Stone Gap Fire Department in 2015; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Michael Chandler joined the Big Stone Gap Police Department in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler was an avid outdoorsman who relished every opportunity to spend time hunting, fishing, or enjoying the scenic mountain vistas in the region; and

WHEREAS, Michael Chandler will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Natasha; his daughter, Kamryn; his mother, Rebecca; his brother, Chris; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow public safety officers; 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 Michael D. Chandler; 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 Officer Michael D. Chandler as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.