

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 628

Celebrating the life of Robert W. Nelms.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 1, 2022

WHEREAS, Robert W. Nelms, a dedicated public safety officer who made many contributions to communities throughout the Commonwealth, died on October 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bobby" W. Nelms was driven to serve others from a young age and joined the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department as a teenager; he later joined the Nansemond-Suffolk Volunteer Rescue Squad and was honored as a life member of both organizations; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from Lipton Tea in Suffolk, Bobby Nelms pursued a second career as a full-time emergency medical services professional and was the second individual hired by the Isle of Wight County Department of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelms was a trusted mentor and devoted friend to generations of local emergency medical personnel and earned the nickname "Station Dad" for his commitment to supporting his fellow members of the Isle of Wight Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Fries in later life, Bobby Nelms continued his service with the Fries Volunteer Fire Department and the Independence Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelms was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed participating in competitive shooting sports and spending time with family members and friends in the Blue Ridge Mountains near his beloved home in Fries; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Nelms will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 31 years, Elizabeth; his children, Sarah, Ashley, J.W., and Bill, and their families; his mother, Barbara; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert W. Nelms; 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 Robert W. Nelms as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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