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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 792

Offered September 6, 2022

Celebrating the life of Everett B. Obenshain, Jr.

Patron—McNamara

WHEREAS, Everett B. Obenshain, Jr., esteemed former sheriff of Salem and a beloved member of the Salem community for many years, died on July 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Everett Obenshain embarked upon his illustrious career in law enforcement as a patrolman with the Salem Police Department from November 1966 to July 1969; and

WHEREAS, elected to the position of city sergeant of Salem in 1969, Everett Obenshain would become sheriff of Salem two years later when an amendment to the Code of Virginia transformed Salem's Office of City Sergeant into the Office of Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, over his more than three decades as a law-enforcement officer, Everett Obenshain demonstrated a profound dedication to ensuring the safety and security of the Salem community and to making a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Everett Obenshain's commitment to service also manifested itself in myriad ways throughout the community; in addition to serving on the Salem Board of Elections for 19 years, he was also active in various civic organizations, including his local post of the American Legion, the Salem Sports Foundation, and the Edgewood Lions Club, which he had been a member of since 1965; and

WHEREAS, Everett Obenshain was a consummate family man who was happiest when spending time with his wife and children, and he was an avid sportsman who took immense pleasure in golfing and bowling with friends; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife, Hazel, Everett Obenshain will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Everett III and Susan, and their families and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Everett B. Obenshain, Jr., cherished former sheriff of Salem whose kindness and generosity earned him unwavering respect and admiration from the community he served; 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 Everett B. Obenshain, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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