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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 687

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Celebrating the life of Richard Lee Spreder, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Richard Lee Spreder, Sr., a retired law-enforcement officer who made many contributions to the Virginia Beach community, died on May 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Rick" Spreder graduated from Princess Anne High School and served his country as a member of the United States Marines Corps Reserve from 1969 to 1995, when he retired with the rank of chief warrant officer 4; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Rick Spreder began serving his community as a member of the Virginia Beach Police Department; he completed a wide range of assignments over the course of his distinguished tenure and helped established the department's mounted patrol division; and

WHEREAS, Rick Spreder transferred to the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office in 1997 and served as captain of the Workforce Program until his well-earned retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Rick Spreder continued seeking opportunities to enhance community life, building fellowship with other former students of Princess Anne High School as an active alumnus and volunteering his time and leadership to the Creeds Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career and his achievements in community service, Rick Spreder completed several rides across the United States on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and enjoyed fishing for flounder on the Eastern Shore; his talent for cooking was well known throughout the Eastern Shore thanks to his delicious pig roasts at Black Duck Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Rick Spreder enjoyed spending time with family and friends at his vacation home in Carova Beach, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Rick Spreder will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 51 years, Barbara; his children, Richard, Jr., Paul, and Beth, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Richard Lee Spreder, Sr., a highly admired former police officer in Virginia Beach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Richard Lee Spreder, Sr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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