

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 804

Celebrating the life of Eugene N. Hodnett.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2023

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, Eugene N. Hodnett, a trailblazing law-enforcement officer who served and protected the residents of Chatham for many years, died on June 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pittsylvania County, Eugene Hodnett broke down barriers as the first African American police officer ever hired by the Town of Chatham; and

WHEREAS, during his career as a law-enforcement officer, Eugene Hodnett led by example and was a trusted mentor to many other members of the Chatham Police Department, having received the rank of sergeant, in which capacity he led the department until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hodnett fostered strong relationships between the Chatham Police Department and members of the public, and he took a special interest in serving and supporting local young people; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hodnett left behind a legacy of excellence to his fellow officers when he retired from the Chatham Police Department in 1994, having served the community with the utmost dedication, integrity, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Hodnett also volunteered his time and leadership to the Pittsylvania County branch of the NAACP, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Hopel Chapel Baptist Church in Dry Fork; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his only acquainted son, Jeffrey, Eugene Hodnett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Audrey; his children, Michael, Harvey, Juliet, Marilyn, Janett, Pamela, and their families; three acquainted daughters, Cynthia, Rosalyn, and Angela, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Eugene N. Hodnett, a highly admired law-enforcement officer in Chatham; 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 Eugene N. Hodnett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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