

1995 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 327

On the death of Steven Alan Colona.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 1995
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 1995

WHEREAS, Steven Alan Colona, an 18-year-old volunteer firefighter from the Melfa area in Accomack County, was killed in the line of duty on December 27, 1994; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company for two years, Steven Colona was responding to an emergency when the fire department tanker he was driving overturned; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and well-trained member certified as a Firefighter III, Steven Colona was the chief engineer for the Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the fire and rescue vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Steven Colona was also a trained Emergency Medical Technician, having recently completed Shock-Trauma Emergency Medical Technician training; and

WHEREAS, Steven Colona served as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher at the Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Communications Center, answering and dispatching emergency fire and rescue calls and providing Emergency Medical Dispatch pre-arrival instructions to persons during medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Steven Colona's death, at such a tragically young age, is a reminder of the dangers faced daily by the thousands of volunteer fire and rescue personnel throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Steven Colona leaves a lasting legacy of courage, selfless commitment, and dedication to the safety and welfare of his neighbors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the untimely passing of Steven Alan Colona; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Steven Alan Colona as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his life of service to his community.

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