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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 526

Offered January 17, 1997

On the death of Robert V. Chadwell.

Patrons—Kilgore; Senator: Wampler

WHEREAS, Robert V. Chadwell, the highly respected Sheriff of Lee County, died on December 13, 1996; and

WHEREAS, before he came to Lee County, Robert Chadwell had compiled a distinguished law-enforcement record in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he retired as Chief of Detectives after 23 years of service; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Robert Chadwell was elected Sheriff of Lee County, took office in January of 1980, and for 17 years served the citizens of Lee County with integrity and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, an energetic and innovative law-enforcement officer, Sheriff Chadwell worked constantly to upgrade the effectiveness and professionalism of the Lee County Sheriff's Department through better training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Chadwell was a driving force behind the establishment of the new Southwest Law Enforcement Academy in Bristol, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Chadwell started the DARE program in Lee County and, just days before his death, instituted a new plan to teach the Class Action Program in Lee County high schools; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long career in law enforcement, Sheriff Robert V. Chadwell adhered to the highest ideals of his profession, to the ultimate benefit of the citizens of Lee County he served so well; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of a dedicated and effective public servant, Sheriff Robert V. Chadwell; 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 Sheriff Robert V. Chadwell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his long and meritorious service to the citizens of Lee County and the Commonwealth.

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