

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 789

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3 *Celebrating the life of R. David Bradley.*

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7 WHEREAS, R. David Bradley, a distinguished law-enforcement officer and a devoted husband, father,
8 grandfather, and friend in Smyth County, died on June 7, 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Smyth County, David Bradley devoted his life to service and strengthened his
10 community in a variety of ways over the course of his life; and

11 WHEREAS, driven by his patriotism and sense of duty, David Bradley was a member of the United States
12 Army Reserve for 27 years and worked in law enforcement and public safety for a total of 44 years; and

13 WHEREAS, David Bradley became the sheriff of Smyth County in 1996 and served the community with
14 integrity and distinction until his retirement in 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, among his proudest achievements, David Bradley oversaw the implementation of Operation
16 Safety, a program to enhance the well-being of the senior residents of Smyth County; and

17 WHEREAS, David Bradley was also passionate about supporting and uplifting young people in the
18 community and was an active leader in the Children's Van Ministry at Calvary Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, David Bradley further safeguarded his fellow Smyth County residents as a founding member
20 of the Adwolfe Fire Department and a member of the Sugar Grove Fire Department; and

21 WHEREAS, over the course of his career, David Bradley touched countless lives through his kindness,
22 professionalism, and positive outlook; he sought to see the best in everyone he met and worked diligently to
23 help them see the best in themselves; and

24 WHEREAS, David Bradley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 50 years,
25 Wilma; his sons, Donald, Timothy, and Jamie, and their families; his adopted son, Tracy Sledd, and his
family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of R. David Bradley;
27 and, be it

28 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
29 presentation to the family of R. David Bradley as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his
30 memory.

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