

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 657

Offered April 1, 2025

Celebrating the life of James E. Pearce.

Patron—French (By Request)

WHEREAS, James E. Pearce, a distinguished law-enforcement officer and firefighter, long-standing victim-witness director for the Winchester Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and beloved member of the Winchester community, died on March 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a native of Queens, New York, James "Jim" Pearce graduated from Sanford H. Calhoun High School in Long Island, New York, before devoting many years to the safety and protection of others as a member of the Nassau County Police Department in New York; and

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, Jim Pearce served as the victim-witness director for the Winchester Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, working tirelessly to comfort victims, prepare witnesses, and help countless individuals process and recover from traumatic experiences; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pearce was a lifetime member of the North Merrick Volunteer Fire Department in Nassau County, New York, where he served as both chief and fire commissioner, and he was also a lifetime member of the Round Hill Community Fire Company in Frederick County; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pearce supported his fellow law-enforcement officers as president of the Fraternal Order of Police Mission Lodge No. 12 and as president of the Winchester-Frederick-Clarke Crime Solvers board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pearce could often be found outdoors mowing, plowing, and cutting wood but was happiest of all when spending quality time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Jim Pearce will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 47 years, Ellen; his mother, Marilyn; his three daughters, Christine, Laura, and Michelle, 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 James E. Pearce, a cherished member of the Winchester community whose kindness, generosity, and legacy of service inspired all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James E. Pearce as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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