

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 132

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Charles Douglas Poindexter.*

Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2026  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2026

WHEREAS, the Honorable Charles Douglas Poindexter of Glade Hill, a proud public servant who represented the residents of Southside Virginia in the House of Delegates for more than a decade, died on February 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Charles “Charlie” Poindexter grew up in Franklin County, where he gained a lifelong appreciation for the pace and sense of community that define rural life; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Franklin County High School with athletic and academic honors, Charlie Poindexter earned a bachelor's degree from what is now the University of Lynchburg, where he was the starting center and co-captain of the basketball team and president of the Blue Key Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Poindexter subsequently received a master's degree in management from George Washington University and pursued a long and distinguished career in the national defense industry; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 30 years, Charlie Poindexter managed the development of intelligence and command and control software for the United States Air Force at Computer Sciences Corporation, performed satellite data processing for Litton Industries, and developed and modernized software systems for other defense contractors in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Poindexter also worked on defense projects in Texas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Alaska, and other locations in the United States, Europe, and Asia; one of his proudest achievements was his work as chief developer of automation of the Air Tasking Order, which controls air forces in joint operations environments; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Poindexter retired from the MITRE Corporation as site manager and senior principal systems engineer for the United States Air Force Air Combat Command at Joint Base Langley-Eustis; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Charlie Poindexter returned to Franklin County and settled in Glade Hill near his family's farm; he worked as a farmer, worked on vintage cars and tractors, and oversaw a logging and sawmill operation until he was asked to run for the Franklin County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Poindexter represented the residents of the Union Hall District for eight years on the Franklin County Board of Supervisors and served as chair of the Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission and the Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, vice-chair of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, and the board's representative on numerous other regional and state bodies; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Charlie Poindexter ran for and was elected to the House of Delegates in 2007 and represented the residents of Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania counties in the 9th District for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Poindexter introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit his constituents and strengthen the Commonwealth as a whole; he led initiatives to widen U.S. Route 58 between Stuart and Hillsville, enhancing safety and accessibility, and helped establish a drug court in Franklin County to rehabilitate nonviolent offenders; and

WHEREAS, a true citizen legislator who was responsive to the needs of his community, Charlie Poindexter supported loans for septic system upgrades, increased transparency of spending by school boards, helped ensure adequate water for private wells, reduced vehicle registration fees for handicapped-equipped vehicles, oversaw the expansion of biomass materials for energy production, and protected wood-fired heating methods; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a state lawmaker, Charlie Poindexter offered his leadership to the Committees on Appropriations, Counties, Cities and Towns, Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources, and Finance; he also provided wise insights to other state-level organizations related to energy, education, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Poindexter enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Crafts Church in Glade Hill, where he served as chair of the board of trustees, led multiple church committees, and sang tenor in the choir; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Poindexter will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 37 years, Janet; his children, Sherrie, Charles, George, Bruce, Erin, and Adam, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Charles Douglas Poindexter; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to

the family of the Honorable Charles Douglas Poindexter as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.