

2026 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2055

Offered June 18, 2026

Celebrating the life of Knight.

Patron—Sturtevant

WHEREAS, Knight, a beloved K-9 law-enforcement officer with the Chesterfield County Police Department, died in the line of duty on May 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Knight was a German Shepherd and Malinois mix breed from Slovakia who faithfully served alongside his handler, Corporal John Walsh of the Chesterfield County Police Department, for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, Knight and Corporal Walsh shared an unbreakable bond built on trust, loyalty, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the Chesterfield County community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career with the Chesterfield County Police Department, Knight was vital to many operations, supporting the tracking and apprehension of suspects and enabling law-enforcement officers to effectively carry out their mission and return safely to their families; and

WHEREAS, Knight was named after the knights of medieval times, who were known for their honor, bravery, and devotion to protecting others, and he lived up to this name in all of his endeavors as an officer; and

WHEREAS, Knight's legacy will be celebrated and carried forward by the Chesterfield County Police Department officers with whom he served and by the community he helped protect; and

WHEREAS, Knight will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his handler, Corporal Walsh, and Corporal Walsh's family, the members of the Chesterfield County Police Department, and the entire Chesterfield County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Knight, whose dedicated service with the Chesterfield County Police Department made a positive and lasting impact on countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Corporal John Walsh of the Chesterfield County Police Department as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for the memory of his K-9 companion, Knight.

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