

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 789

Celebrating the life of R. David Bradley.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, July 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, David Bradley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 50 years, 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

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of R. David Bradley; 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 R. David Bradley as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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