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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 302

Offered February 25, 2022

Celebrating the life of David Jonathon Nieves.

Patrons—Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Greenhalgh, Avoli, Clark, Helmer, Hope, Jenkins, Maldonado, Rasoul, Reid, Sewell and Simonds; Senators: Boysko, Ebbin, Edwards, Howell, Reeves and Spruill

WHEREAS, David Jonathon Nieves, an honorable veteran, respected law-enforcement officer, and beloved member of the Virginia Beach community, died on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bridgeport, Connecticut, David Nieves admirably served his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, David Nieves was an exemplary member of the Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD), attaining the rank of master police officer while demonstrating an equal commitment to both public safety and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, from the Lake Edward summer nights basketball league, to National Night Out, to various outreach programs supporting the Latino residents of Virginia Beach, David Nieves rallied others around initiatives that brought the community together and kept individuals and families safe; and

WHEREAS, David Nieves spearheaded innovative programs, such as the Toy Ride Along program and Hispanic Fall Fest, to foster positive relations between VBPD and the community it serves, making innumerable friends and connections along the way; and.

WHEREAS, David Nieves developed the VBPD Hispanic Citizens Police Academy; the VBPD Hispanic Empowerment and Resources Team, or H.E.A.R.T.; an active threat citizen defense course; and many other endeavors in the interest of the well-being of the community he served; and

WHEREAS, David Nieves efforts merited more than 30 letters of appreciation and several honors from the VBPD, including nine Class Act Awards, a Public Service Medal, a Humanitarian Ribbon, a Special Commendation Award, and a Medal of Merit; and

WHEREAS, David Nieves will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Monica; his sons, Matthew and Emmaus, and their families; his parents, Paul and Daisy; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of David Jonathon Nieves, master police officer with the Virginia Beach Police Department whose unflagging dedication to serving others impacted countless lives; 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 David Nieves as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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