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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 266**

Offered February 22, 2022

Celebrating the life of James Martin Alexander, Jr.

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WHEREAS, James Martin Alexander, Jr., an esteemed member of the Hanover Fire-Emergency Medical Services Department and a beloved member of the Aylett community, died on February 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, James "Jimmy" Alexander began volunteering with the Hanover Fire-Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department in 1980 at the age of 18 and would go on to serve the citizens of Hanover County for more than four decades with the department; and

WHEREAS, after volunteering with both the East Hanover and Black Creek fire companies in various leadership roles, Jimmy Alexander joined the Hanover Fire-EMS Department as a career member in July 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Alexander demonstrated professionalism and a sense of purpose while supporting the operations section of the Hanover Fire-EMS Department in several capacities, earning a promotion to the rank of lieutenant in May 2012; and

WHEREAS, three years later, Jimmy Alexander was assigned to the logistics section of the Hanover Fire-EMS Department, where he would help oversee the management of the department's many stations and facilities; and

WHEREAS, prior to beginning full-time service with the Hanover Fire-EMS Department, Jimmy Alexander served the Commonwealth as member of the Virginia Air National Guard Fire and Rescue, protecting F-16 fighter jets stationed at Richmond International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Alexander was also a realtor and an accomplished heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technician, fulfilling the home and building maintenance needs of the community with his company JMA Mechanical; and

WHÉREAS, the truest joys in Jimmy Alexander's life were spending time with his family, cheering on the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League, and working on his Kubota tractor; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Alexander will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Cathi; his children, Ryan, Savannah, Grant, and Jessica, and their families; 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 James Martin Alexander, Jr., a cherished member of the Hanover Fire-Emergency Medical Services Department whose generosity and willingness to help others made an impact on 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 James Martin Alexander, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.