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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 821

Offered January 27, 2003

On the death of Officer Sheila Herring.

Patrons—Sears, Albo, Athey, Barlow, Black, Bloxom, Bolvin, Brink, Broman, Bryant, Byron, Callahan, Cole, Cosgrove, Councill, Cox, Devolites, Dillard, Drake, Dudley, Gear, Griffith, Hall, Hamilton, Hugo, Ingram, Janis, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, S.C., Landes, Lingamfelter, Marrs, Marshall, D.W., Marshall, R.G., May, McDougle, McQuigg, Morgan, Nixon, Nutter, O'Bannon, Oder, Orrock, Petersen, Phillips, Pollard, Purkey, Putney, Rapp, Reese, Reid, Rollison, Rust, Scott, Sherwood, Stump, Suit, Tata, Thomas, Van Yahres, Wardrup, Ware, Watts, Weatherholtz, Welch and Wright; Senators: Hawkins, Martin, Miller, K.G., Norment, Stolle and Trumbo

WHEREAS, Officer Sheila Herring, a Norfolk police officer, died in the line of duty on January 16, 2003, the first female officer from Norfolk to die on duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Herring died while responding to an early morning shooting at a sports bar and grill in Norfolk's Brambleton section; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sheila Herring was a veteran of nearly 10 years of service with the Detroit Police Department, where she earned five departmental citations and demonstrated the qualities that made her an exceptional police officer; and

WHEREAS, in February 2002, Officer Herring joined the Norfolk Police Department and graduated from the police academy in August 2002; and

WHEREAS, Officer Herring quickly earned a reputation as an excellent police officer—firm, energetic, positive, helpful, and professional; and

WHEREAS, a courageous, experienced, thoughtful, and authoritative police officer, Sheila Herring leaves a legacy of service to her profession and the community; and

WHEREAS, the death of Officer Sheila Herring is a reminder of the hazards faced daily by the brave and dedicated men and women of the Commonwealth's law-enforcement agencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the untimely loss of an exceptional public servant, Officer Sheila Herring; 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 Officer Sheila Herring as an expression of the esteem in which her memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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