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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 895**

Offered February 12, 2003

*On the death of Trooper Charles Mark Cosslett.*

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WHEREAS, Charles Mark Cosslett, a Virginia State Police trooper, was killed in the line of duty on October 23, 2002; and

WHEREAS, on the day of his unfortunate and untimely death, Trooper Cosslett, on his day off, responded to a call of shots fired near his home during the distressing time period when the Washington area was haunted by a serial sniper who had already claimed 13 victims; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk, Charles Mark Cosslett moved to Chesterfield County in 1975 and graduated from Monacan High School in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mark Cosslett enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1981 and served with great distinction for four years, achieving the rank of corporal and receiving a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and a Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mark Cosslett joined the Virginia State Police on January 16, 1986, and was a member of the 77th Basic Session; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from the State Police Academy on July 18, 1986, Charles Mark Cosslett was assigned to Fairfax County and, on August 1, 1996, was promoted to the rank of Senior Trooper; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mark Cosslett was responsible for one of the largest heroin seizures ever made in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mark Cosslett was a loving husband to his wife, Leslie, and a loving father to his young children, Trevor and Meghan; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mark Cosslett was active in his community, having volunteered each year for charities such as Fairfax Hospital, the Special Olympics, and HERO's Inc., an organization that assists families of officers killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the death of Trooper Charles Mark Cosslett 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 loss of Virginia State Police Trooper Charles Mark Cosslett; 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 Trooper Charles Mark Cosslett as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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