

RESOLUTION NO. 409

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Alexandria were deeply saddened by the passing of Chief Willard A. Robey, Jr., on Thursday, June 19, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robey served the City of Alexandria as a devoted public employee for 28 years, as a firefighter, as a battalion chief, as deputy fire chief and as assistant fire chief, from August 1947 until the time of his death last week; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robey's reputation for honesty, integrity, and standing up for what he believed in earned him the respect and admiration of all those who knew him and especially all those who worked for him; and

WHEREAS, this reputation is best understood through the fact that, as Chief Robey rose through the ranks of the Fire Department, he always looked after the needs of the firefighters who served under him, always remembering that he once was a firefighter himself; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robey was a native of the City of Alexandria, educated in the Alexandria public school system, and, with the exception of the two years he served in the United States Coast Guard, he devoted his adult life to working in and serving this community; and

WHEREAS, the contribution of Chief Robey and his family to the lives of the Children in the City through their many active years in the foster child-care program is incalculable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, hereby expresses its sincere sympathy to Chief Willard A. Robey's wife, Hazel, and to his family.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the new Fire Station #8, which soon will be constructed in the western part of the City, be dedicated to the memoray of Chief Willard A. Robey, Jr., in recognition of the feelings of the community towards this dedicated public official.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this City Council meeting, and that a copy of this Resolution of Sympathy be forwarded to Chief Robey's wife and family.

Adopted June 24, 1975

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. MAYOR

WILEY F. MITCHELL, JR. Vice Mayor

BEVERLY BEIDLER Councilwoman

MELVIN L. BERGHEIM Councilman

NICHOLAS A. COLASANTO Councilman

H. WINFIELD MCCONCHIE, JR. Councilman

NORA O. LAMBORNE Councilman

ATTEST:

Helen Vickers Clerk