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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 835

Offered January 29, 2001

On the death of W. Ward Teel.

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WHEREAS, W. Ward Teel, a former mayor of the town of Christiansburg and a five-term member of the House of Delegates, died on October 3, 2000; and

WHEREAS, born in Riner and a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, Ward Teel was a successful Christiansburg businessman who served his community in a variety of roles; and

WHEREAS, following his four-year stint as mayor of Christiansburg, during which the consolidation of the towns of Christiansburg and Cambria was accomplished, Ward Teel was elected to the House of Delegates in 1973, representing the 6th House District; and

WHEREAS, popular among his colleagues, Ward Teel was widely respected for his quiet dedication to his legislative duties and for his effectiveness during committee deliberations; and

WHEREAS, active in the Republican Party, Ward Teel was chairman of the Montgomery County Republican Committee for many years and was instrumental in the party's rebirth; and

WHEREAS, long concerned with economic development in the New River Valley, Ward Teel was a member of the Industrial Committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and served as president of the New River Valley Industrial Committee and as chairman of the Industrial Development Authority of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Ward Teel was a 20-year member of the Blacksburg Rotary Club, past president and director of the Christiansburg Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the New River Valley Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, a heart-transplant recipient, Ward Teel was honored by the 1996 General Assembly in connection with Organ Donor Day in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, during a long and active career of public service, Ward Teel left a lasting, positive imprint on the lives of the citizens he served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a distinguished Virginian, W. Ward Teel; 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 W. Ward Teel as an expression of the great respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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