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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

Offered February 16, 2006

Celebrating the life of Earl Hundley.

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Patron—Jones, S.C.

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WHEREAS, Earl Hundley, a popular radio personality in Suffolk for more than six decades, died on January 23, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Earl Hundley took a job as a disc jockey at a local station immediately after graduating from high school in 1938; and

WHEREAS, in 1940 WLPM (the station's call letters stood for World's Largest Peanut Market) went on the air from a studio above Russell's Drug Store in downtown Suffolk, and Earl Hundley began an association with the AM station that was to last until it closed in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor inspired Earl Hundley to join the Marines, and he served as chief of the Marine police in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Earl Hundley returned to Suffolk after the war, rejoined WLPM, and soon met and married Betty Williams, with whom he spent the next 58 years; and

WHEREAS, except for brief stints with other stations, Earl Hundley spent his entire career in radio at WLPM, where he broadcast high school football games and local big band performances, sold advertising, wrote copy, and eventually became general manager; and

WHEREAS, after WLPM's closure in 1994, Earl Hundley took his Suffolk accounts to another station, where he worked until his retirement at age 80; and

WHEREAS, a man dedicated to his family and his community, Earl Hundley served with dedication and steadfastness; 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 an exceptional citizen of Suffolk, Earl Hundley; 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 Earl Hundley as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.