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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 413

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*Celebrating the life of Dan S. Robertson.*

Patrons—Hurt, Armstrong and Marshall, D.W.; Senator: Reynolds

WHEREAS, Dan S. Robertson, retired Henry County tobacco farmer and owner and operator of tobacco warehouses in Danville and Martinsville, died November 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a local institution known affectionately as the Mayor of Axton, Dan Robertson regularly presided over breakfast at his restaurant the Stoney Mountain Restaurant II, where he greeted friends, shared stories, and discussed current events; and

WHEREAS, Dan Robertson began working in a tobacco warehouse at the age of 19, served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and then returned to what would be a lifelong career in tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Dan Robertson was a farsighted leader who anticipated changes in the tobacco growing and warehousing industry, but never lost his particular concern with preserving a place for the small independent grower and warehouse owner; and

WHEREAS, Dan Robertson actively served the Axton and Henry County-Martinsville communities for decades; he was a charter member of the Axton Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce and the Axton Lions Club, and he served on the Martinsville and Henry County Social Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Dan Robertson will be remembered as a good and generous friend and neighbor who provided produce from his garden, delivered meals to the sick, and performed many other acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, Dan Robertson will be missed and fondly remembered by his family and friends in Axton and throughout Henry County; 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 Dan S. Robertson, an outstanding example of the independent entrepreneur and community leader whose contributions are essential to the healthy state of the Commonwealth; 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 Dan S. Robertson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his legacy of dedication and service.

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