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Celebrating the life of Jack L. Massie.

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WHEREAS, Jack L. Massie of James City County, revered citizen and respected businessman and road contractor, died on June 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, with the purchase of a single bulldozer, Jack Massie founded a grading company in Newport News, and with its relocation to Lightfoot in 1964, Jack L. Massie Contractor, Inc. expanded into a highly successful highway construction firm; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Virginia Massie and their family settled into VaJack Farm in Lightfoot in 1958, where they established a working dairy and then raised registered Polled Hereford beef cattle; they lived on the farm until selling it to Colonial Heritage in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Jack Massie's company constructed every type of highway from rural road to interstate and was the road builder for Prime Outlets, Prinpak, Inc., and Monticello Marketplace, with its latest project being the unique three-contractor partnership with the state to widen and improve Route 199 from Jamestown Road south to Route 60 East; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the company was contracted to extend two miles of Route 199 and build the Monticello Avenue extension; when plans were changed from a two-lane to a four-lane divided highway, Jack Massie implemented the design changes, utility relocation, and diverted streams six times in order to protect rare plant species and still managed to complete the project a year early; and

WHEREAS, Jack L. Massie Contractor, Inc. was the sole recipient of the 2000 Virginia Department of Transportation Quality Award in recognition of quality construction on Route 199 and the Monticello Avenue extension; the company was responsible for building \$25 million of the \$80 million 8.5-mile roadway that was essential to the future growth and prosperity of Williamsburg and James City County; and

WHEREAS, Jack Massie was a founding board member of Old Colony Bank, Jamestown Academy, and Williamsburg Landing, as well as the past director of the Virginia Road and Transportation Builders Association; and

WHEREAS, hard-working and committed to quality and excellence in road construction, Jack Massie never really retired and was still going to work early every day, always on the job, even after his sons took over the business; and

WHEREAS, Jack Massie's company is a reflection of its founder's impeccable reputation, beyond reproach and synonymous with quality site work and road construction for his fellow citizens and safety, mutual respect, and support for his workers; and

WHEREAS, Jack Massie will long be remembered as an honest and decent man who was dedicated and loving to his family and immensely dedicated to his community and the Commonwealth; he will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his family, his numerous friends and admirers, and the residents of James City County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with sadness the passing of a fine Virginia gentleman, Jack L. Massie; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Jack L. Massie as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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