2006 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 229

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Frederick Harmon Combs II.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2006 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2006

WHEREAS, Judge Frederick Harmon Combs II, an admired and respected judge of the 29th Circuit Court of Virginia, died on August 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hampton, Frederick Combs was born on March 22, 1946, graduated from Grundy High School, earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond, and received a law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Combs practiced law with the firm of Gillespie, Chambers & Combs in Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Frederick Combs was appointed to the 29th Circuit Court of Virginia, which at the time included Tazewell, Buchanan, Dickenson, and Bland Counties; he held the position for over 20 years, retiring from the bench on June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Combs served on many statewide judicial committees, including the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission, and was appointed a substitute judge after his retirement; and

WHERÉAŠ, Fred Combs was an exemplary Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Tazewell, where he served as president as well as in many other positions, and was a Paul Harris and Skelton Fellow; he was active on the boards of the Historic Crab Orchard Museum and the Tazewell Community Hospital, and was a Master Gardener; and

WHEREAS, Fred Combs will be sorely missed by his family—his wife of 38 years and his five children and five grandchildren; numerous friends and colleagues; and the congregation of the Tazewell Presbyterian Church; now, therefore, be it

RÉSOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Frederick Harmon Combs II, a committed public servant and outstanding Virginian; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Frederick Harmon Combs II as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

ENROLLED