## 2006 SESSION

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 245

Celebrating the life of Robert Clyde Boaz.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 2, 2006 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2006

WHEREAS, Robert Clyde Boaz of Stuart, respected citizen and admired businessman, died on December 24, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Robert Clyde "Buck" Boaz was born on August 30, 1916, in Stuart and was the seventh of eight children of the late James Robert and Kate Gilley Boaz; he was educated in Patrick County schools, at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, and at Scranton Lackawanna College in Scranton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Buck Boaz served his country during World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater, stationed in Calcutta, India, as a sergeant in the United States Army, Quartermaster Corps; he also served at the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, before and after his military service, Buck Boaz was employed as an accountant for E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Company in New Jersey and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Buck Boaz became a partner in Hudson's Drug Store, a local business that was an integral part of the life and culture of Stuart for over five decades, and worked there until the store closed in 2001; and

WHEREAS, active in numerous community organizations, Buck Boaz was a charter member of the Patrick County Jaycees, a charter member and president of the Stuart Lions Club, and a member of the board of directors and treasurer of R. J. Reynolds Patrick County Memorial Hospital; he was a member of American Legion Post #105, president of the Stuart PTA and the Patrick County United Fund, and chairman of the Patrick County Heart Fund; and

WHEREAS, Buck Boaz also gave generously of his time and immense talents as a member and master of Mountain Home Lodge #263, A. F. and A. M.; a district deputy of the 39th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; a 32 degree Mason and member of the Danville Chapter of the Scottish Rite; and a member and patron of Stuart Chapter #25, Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, Buck Boaz participated in local and state civic and political affairs and was an active member and chairman of the Patrick County Democratic Party and a member of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a devoted member of Stuart United Methodist Church, Buck Boaz served as superintendent of the church school, as lay leader, and as a member and chairman of the church administrative board; and

WHEREAS, Buck Boaz will be sorely missed by his family, his numerous friends and admirers, and the citizens of Patrick County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Robert Clyde Boaz; and, be it RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Robert Clyde Boaz as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

ENROLLED