2007 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 356

Celebrating the life of Harold Nelson Wood.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 25, 2007 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2007

WHEREAS, Harold Nelson Wood of Harrisonburg, a respected citizen and an admired retired colonel, died on February 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Harold Wood was born on February 18, 1919, in Erie, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Edith and Harold Wood, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Harold Wood earned an undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and after deciding on a career in the military, he completed the United States Army Transportation School, as well as the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Economics and National Security; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wood served his country in World War II in China, Burma and India, and performed his patriotic duty in the Korean and Vietnam Wars; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wood was a cofounder of the Army's LACV-30 and a life member of the Law Enforcement Alliance of America; and

WHEREAS, after a distinguished 27-year career in the military, Colonel Wood retired on March 31, 1967, but served as an Army civilian officer until 1980; and

WHEREAS, before moving to Harrisonburg, Colonel Wood volunteered at Williamsburg Hospital and the National Park Service in Yorktown; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wood was a member of the Harrisonburg Kiwanis Club and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Association for Uniformed Services, and the China-Burma-India Veterans Association; and

WHEREAS, Harold Wood was a faithful member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Harrisonburg and was active in the church's many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, a kind and generous friend and devoted family man, Colonel Wood will be fondly remembered for his generosity and his enjoyment of hunting, fishing, and studying American Civil War history; and

WHEREAS, Harold Wood will be greatly missed by Jane, his beloved wife of 60 years; his son Donald, daughter Patricia, their families, and especially his two wonderful grandsons; and his numerous other loving family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an American patriot and fine Virginian, Harold Nelson Wood; and, be it

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