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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 437

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Celebrating the life of William Joseph Ellis.

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WHEREAS, Dr. William Joseph Ellis of Covington, a respected citizen and physician, died on December 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, William Ellis was born in Crooksville, Ohio, on August 12, 1905, to Joseph Elias Ellis and Zelpha Soma Betross Ellis; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Covington High School, William Ellis studied medicine at the Medical College of Virginia and then did his internship at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk before returning to Covington and establishing a practice there in 1930; and

WHEREAS, during the 63 years he practiced medicine, Dr. Ellis helped deliver some 6,000 babies and aided countless Alleghany Highlands residents, seeing patients seven days a week and charging them little or nothing if times were hard; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis served as the medical director for the Covington Rescue Squad for more than 60 years and as the Covington High School team physician for 47 years; and

WHEREAS, one Dr. Ellis' proudest accomplishments was his role as one of the founding directors of the State Bank of the Alleghenies, which he served for many years as chairman of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellis will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his devoted wife, Norma Gray Ellis, and many other family members, good friends, and former patients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of a dedicated physician and a fine Virginian, Dr. William Joseph Ellis; and, be it

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

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