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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 264

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Celebrating the life of Travis William Rogers.

Patrons—Griffith, Fralin, Poindexter and Ware, O.; Senators: Edwards and Smith

WHEREAS, Travis William Rogers of Cave Spring, a respected citizen and popular Roanoke radio personality for over three decades, died on July 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Travis "Ted" William Rogers was born in Person County, North Carolina, on December 1, 1927, the son of Velma Williams Rogers and James Jackson Rogers; and

WHEREAS, Ted Rogers served his country in the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps; he attended American University in Washington, D.C., and was a graduate of the National Academy of Broadcasting in Washington, D.C., the Naval School of Journalism in Great Lakes, Illinois, and Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in broadcasting and a familiar voice in almost every Roanoke household, Ted Rogers joined WFIR Radio in 1957, when it was known as WDBJ and owned by Times-World Corporation, and worked for the radio station for 32 years, until his retirement in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Ted Rogers was best known as the WDBJ announcer and the host of the popular "Party Line" and "Ask Your Neighbor" radio shows; he was overwhelmingly voted the best disc jockey in Roanoke by his many admiring fans; and

WHEREAS, always ready to help his fellow residents in need, Ted Rogers was a wonderful goodwill ambassador, not only for the radio station, but also for his community, participating in local events at churches, businesses, schools, clubs, and other activities; he was an enthusiastic supporter of numerous Roanoke Valley civic organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Better Business Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Ted Rogers had strong family values, a natural curiosity, and diverse hobbies and interests, including oil painting, and he enjoyed keeping an air of mystery regarding his personal life and persona; and

WHEREAS, Ted Rogers was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke and supportive of the church's many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ted Rogers will be fondly remembered as a man of great integrity and truthfulness and will be greatly missed by his devoted wife Jean; his son Kelly and daughter-in-law Maureen; his two brothers and one sister; numerous other loving family members and friends; and countless admiring radio listeners in the Roanoke community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a talented community benefactor and outstanding Virginian, Travis William Rogers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Travis William Rogers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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