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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 420

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Celebrating the life of Posey Glenn Oyler.

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

WHEREAS, Posey Glenn Oyler of Roanoke, a longtime coach and administrator for American Legion Baseball and founder of the Salem-Roanoke Valley Baseball Hall of Fame, died on January 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a general contractor and insurance appraiser, Posey Oyler lived his whole life in Roanoke, except for the two years he served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955; and

WHEREAS, Posey Oyler's passion for baseball began in childhood; his father, James H. Oyler, played for a Norfolk and Western Railway team and for the Atlantic Greyhounds, and Posey Oyler grew up playing in a cow pasture and selling refreshments at Roanoke Red Sox games; and

WHEREAS, Posey Oyler started coaching an American Legion Post 3 team in 1978 and eventually became the District 9 chairman; his Post 3 teams went 230 - 121 and won six regular-season championships from 1978 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, the idea for a local baseball hall of fame was hatched over 15 years ago, and Posey Oyler quickly became the driving force behind it; he was the hall's president since it was established and under his guidance, the hall has held annual banquets with major-league guests, inducted 58 members, honored local high school athletes, and broken ground on a permanent home that is near completion; and

WHEREAS, known as a take-charge person who always spoke his mind, Posey Oyler will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Bobbie Oyler; his son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jennifer Oyler; his brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Janet Oyler; his sister, Barbara Shelton; his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and numerous other family members and good friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Posey Glenn Oyler, a devoted community supporter and a fine Virginian; 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 Posey Glenn Oyler as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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