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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 422

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Celebrating the life of Laurens Lee Miles.

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WHEREAS, Laurens Lee Miles, a lifelong resident of the community of Glenmore whose family has lived and worked in Glenmore for over two centuries, died February 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Laurens Lee "Dick" Miles joined the United States Army in 1938 and during his service he had the honor of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Dick Miles served valiantly during World War II as a staff sergeant with the 552nd Engineers Heavy Pontoon Battalion and took part in the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Normandy (D-Day); he earned five battle stars for his service; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Dick Miles established L. L. Miles General Merchandise, which he owned and operated in Glenmore for 39 years; and

WHEREAS, always active in his community, Dick Miles was a founding member of the Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the George Mason Lodge #32 A.F. & A.M. for 53 years, and a member of the Buckingham County Democratic Committee for 40 years; he also served as a delegate to many state Democratic conventions; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of Glenmore Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Dick Miles served on the church's vestry and board of trustees and supported its many missions and programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby celebrate the life of Laurens Lee Miles, a devoted citizen of the community of Glenmore; 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 Laurens Lee Miles as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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