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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 425

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Commending Edward Jackson LeSueur.

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WHEREAS, Edward Jackson LeSueur has been an outstanding community advocate and leader for the Town of Dillwyn and Buckingham County; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Buckingham County, Edward LeSueur graduated from Buckingham High School and has worked since high school at Dunkum Funeral Home in Dillwyn; and

WHEREAS, Edward LeSueur's years of volunteerism began in 1957 when he joined the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department; he has served as president of the department since 1972 and before the county had a central dispatching center, he and another volunteer handled the dispatching of all calls throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Edward LeSueur's dedication to the safety of his community continued as he helped organize the first Buckingham County Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1970; he has served as the rescue squad's captain and chairman of its finance committee, and he played a key role in the effort to acquire land for construction of a permanent home for the rescue squad; and

WHEREAS, always willing and eager to participate in the civic life of his community, Edward LeSueur was elected to the Dillwyn Town Council in 1962 and served as the town's mayor from 1974 to 1980; he resigned as mayor when he was elected to the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the board of supervisors, Edward LeSueur was instrumental in gaining approval and funding for new buildings for Buckingham Primary School and Buckingham Middle School, renovations and additions to Buckingham County High School, and a remodeling of the county courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Edward LeSueur led the push for construction of the Buckingham Correctional Center, which opened in 1982, collecting signatures on a petition for a deal to provide land for the facility and going to Richmond to lobby on behalf of the county, and he was named Southside Virginia Volunteer of the Year for his efforts; and

WHEREAS, Edward LeSueur has given selflessly of his time and energy over the years to assist in the growth and development of his community, and he always says he does not need any special recognition because people have been good to him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Edward Jackson LeSueur for his commitment to and leadership in his community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Edward Jackson LeSueur as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many years of outstanding service to the residents of Dillwyn and Buckingham County.

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