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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

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Celebrating the life of F. Rodney Fitzpatrick.

Patrons—Edwards; Delegate: Ware, O.

WHEREAS, F. Rodney Fitzpatrick, an admired citizen and respected Roanoke attorney, died on February 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Roanoke, Rodney Fitzpatrick attended Jefferson High School, now the Jefferson Center, and served his country in the United States Army Air Force during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining a law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1949, Rodney Fitzpatrick established a law office in Roanoke and worked as a solo practitioner until his retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, well-liked and highly regarded in legal circles, Rodney Fitzpatrick was considered a tough opponent in the courtroom, but always a gentleman; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Rodney Fitzpatrick was an invaluable member of numerous professional organizations, including the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, serving as president from 1974-1975; the Roanoke Bar Association, serving as president from 1975-1976; the Virginia State Bar; and the Virginia Bar Association; and he became a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Fitzpatrick was a man of great integrity who loved his law practice, vacations at the beach, seafood, a good joke, and, above all his family; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Fitzpatrick will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by Alice, his devoted wife of 59 years, their children and grandchildren, and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, F. Rodney Fitzpatrick; and, be it

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

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