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Celebrating the life of the Honorable Gregory Stephen Matney.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Gregory Stephen Matney, an esteemed citizen of the Commonwealth and judge of the General District Court for the 29th Judicial Circuit, died on October 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Gregory "Greg" Matney was born on February 5, 1958, in Grundy, the son of Margaret Compton and Clyde J. Matney; and

WHEREAS, Greg Matney began his career in public service as a law-enforcement officer in Tazewell and Newport News and at one time aspired to be a state trooper; and

WHEREAS, Greg Matney went on to earn a law degree from Washington and Lee University; he practiced law first with Norris Kantor in Bluefield for five years and then as a partner of his own firm, Campbell and Matney, where he worked for over 16 years before accepting a judgeship in May 2008; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the bench, Judge Matney served all the citizens of Virginia with wisdom and patience and was considered an excellent jurist by his staff, his fellow judges, and all the attorneys that came into his courtroom; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life and career, Judge Matney gave his time and expertise as a member of numerous professional and civic organizations and received many accolades for his contributions to his community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Matney was a faithful member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield and was active in the church's many missions to help people in need; and

WHEREAS, Judge Matney will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Rhonda; his two daughters, Megan Renae and Mary Ann, and two step-daughters, Jerina and Erica, and their families; his father, Clyde J. Matney; and many other family members, friends, and colleagues across the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, the Honorable Gregory Stephen Matney; 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 the Honorable Gregory Stephen Matney as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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