SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 299

Celebrating the life of William Randolph Dyer.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 15, 2009 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 2009

WHEREAS, William Randolph Dyer of Martinsville, a former law-enforcement officer and electoral board vice-chairman, died on July 9, 2008; and

WHEREAS, William Dyer was born to Otis McKinley Dyer and Fannie Lee Saunders Dyer on October 7, 1925, in the Henry County community of Bassett; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, William Dyer proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, William Dyer married his beloved wife, Viola Prillaman, and the couple had five wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong law-enforcement officer, William Dyer began his distinguished career as a trooper with the Virginia State Police, where he worked diligently and conscientiously to protect Virginia's citizens; and

WHEREAS, drawing on his skills and experience, William Dyer then moved to the United States Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, where he worked as a special agent for 21 years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, mindful of the needs of the community, William Dyer generously gave of his time and talent by serving on the Henry County Electoral Board, including being vice-chairman and secretary; and

WHEREAS, William Dyer will be fondly remembered for his kind and generous nature and greatly missed by his loving wife, Viola; their five children, Valinda, Kathryn, Anita, Randolph, and Vernon and their families; and his numerous friends and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a respected law-enforcement officer, public servant, and outstanding Virginian, William Randolph Dyer; and, be it

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