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Celebrating the life of Avis H. Collier.

Patrons—Reynolds; Delegates: Armstrong, Carrico and Merricks

WHEREAS, Avis H. Collier of Dugspur, a beloved and respected citizen and an outstanding community leader in Carroll County for many years, died on October 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Avis Collier loved his community of Dugspur, where he began serving his fellow residents as the owner and operator of the local service station, Collier's Store, which is now Dugspur Deli Mart; and

WHEREAS, Avis Collier was married to the late Blanche Phillips, and the loving couple shared 53 years together and have three daughters, Becky, Debbie, and Jill; and

WHEREAS, Avis Collier was active in all of the events, celebrations, and public issues of Dugspur, and was a founding member and hard-working volunteer for the Dugspur Rescue Squad, often closing up his establishment to answer emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, always ready to help his neighbors whenever he could, Avis Collier would often give food and supplies to needy families who came into his store, and he received many of Dugspur Rescue Squad's annual service awards for answering the most rescue squad calls; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to providing quality public services to his fellow citizens, Avis Collier served as a member of the Carroll County School Board for many years, as well as four terms on the Carroll County Board of Supervisors from 1983 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Avis Collier was especially supportive of quality education for Carroll County students, and he helped to improve county water, sewer, and other services and to establish initial 911 dispatch and other emergency services; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding public servant with considerable knowledge and vision, Avis Collier always carefully "thought about the county and the welfare and the well-being of the people in the county" in his decision making; and

WHEREAS, concerned with continually improving access to health services in Carroll County, Avis Collier was a founding committee member of the Twin County Regional Healthcare Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Avis Collier received numerous awards and accolades over the years for his many contributions to his community, and a plaque in his honor appears in the Carroll County Governmental Complex, Carroll County High School, and other renovated secondary schools and projects in the county; and

WHEREAS, a family man with a tremendous heart, Avis Collier will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his three daughters and their wonderful families, his loving family members and friends, and the citizens of Carroll County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a fine community leader and outstanding Virginian, Avis H. Collier; and, be it

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

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