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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 500

Offered February 23, 2009

*Celebrating the life of James Arnold Jones.*

Patron—Smith

WHEREAS, James Arnold Jones, a respected spiritual and business leader from Daleville, died on November 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a native of West Virginia, Arnold Jones was born to loving parents the Reverend Jimmie Jones and Audrey Palmer Jones and was one of three siblings; and

WHEREAS, industrious and entrepreneurial, Arnold Jones was the president and chief executive officer of Williams Supply, Inc., an electrical products and services supplier company; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Jones worked diligently to provide his customers with the products they needed with high quality service; and

WHEREAS, a committed Christian, Arnold Jones lived his faith through his actions and as a member of First Baptist Church Roanoke since 1993; he served in various capacities including fellowship of deacons, vice-chair and chairman of the stewardship committee, and chairman of the personnel committee; and

WHEREAS, known for his administrative ability, Arnold Jones was part of the leadership for the May 2-4, 2003, Franklin Graham Festival in Salem, Virginia, which featured nightly challenges from Franklin Graham, award-winning musicians, and special guests; and

WHEREAS, the event required hours of dedicated work and planning to bring together 55 denominations and 53,100 people; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated father and husband, Arnold Jones will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 39 years, Margaret Ann; their children Janet, Todd, and Suzanne and their families; and numerous other relatives and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a respected business and spiritual leader, James Arnold Jones; and, be it

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

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