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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 356

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Celebrating the life of James Blair Bibby.

Patrons—Garrett, Byron and Cline; Senator: Newman

WHEREAS, James Blair Bibby of Madison Heights in Lynchburg, a respected citizen and former Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher, died on February 16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Blair Bibby was born October 29, 1944, in Franklinton, North Carolina, and attended Fayetteville State University in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bibby initially signed with the New York Mets organization in 1965 and went on to play for 13 years in the Major Leagues for several teams, including the St. Louis Cardinals, the Texas Rangers, the Cleveland Indians, and the Pittsburgh Pirates; and

WHEREAS, a 6-foot-5 right-hander with an intimidating 95 mph fastball, Jim Bibby helped lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to the 1979 World Series title; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bibby's best season came in 1980, when he went 19 - 6 with a 3.32 earned run average (ERA), won All-Star status, and finished third in the vote for the coveted National League Cy Young Award; and

WHEREAS, a highlight in Jim Bibby's stellar career occurred in a game with the Atlanta Braves on May 19, 1981, when he allowed a single hit from Terry Harper, the leadoff hitter, and then retired the next 27 batters; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bibby retired in 1984, ending his baseball career with a record of 111 - 101 and an ERA of 3.76; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Jim Bibby served as the pitching coach for Lynchburg's minor league baseball team for 15 years, and he enjoyed playing softball for the local teams; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bibby will be fondly remembered for his many spectacular pitching efforts, his dedication to baseball, and his devotion to his good friends and family and will be greatly missed by his wife, Jacqueline Bibby; his two daughters, Tamara Bibby and Tanya McClain; his brother, Henry Bibby; and numerous friends, fans, and fellow players; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine baseball star and outstanding Virginian, James Blair Bibby; 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 James Blair Bibby as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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