HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 549

Celebrating the life of William Lloyd Sherman.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 14, 2011 Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2011

WHEREAS, William Lloyd Sherman, a beloved community supporter and respected citizen of Roanoke, died on November 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Sherman was born on June 13, 1939, in Roanoke to loving parents James Lewis and Lizzie Pearl Sherman and was one of three siblings; and

WHEREAS, Bill Sherman was a proud graduate of Lucy Addison High School, Class of 1957, and Bluefield State College, Class of 1966; he remained in close contact with his classmates throughout his life and was a member of the Bluefield State College Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, a valued and hard-working employee, Bill Sherman enjoyed an exemplary career at the General Electric Company in Salem that lasted 35 years until his retirement in 1997; and

WHEREAS, a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Bill Sherman joined the Gamma Alpha Chapter in 2001 and became actively involved in its many community service projects; and

WHEREAS, Bill Sherman served as chairman of the social committee and as a member of the Christmas Toy Drive and housing committees; he called upon his brothers to assist at the Roanoke Area Ministries and RAM House and participated in the Thanksgiving Basket Project; and

WHEREAS, Bill Sherman received the Superior Service Award from the Gamma Alpha Chapter in 2008 in recognition of his dedication and hard work on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Bill Sherman also volunteered at the Robert Hopkins Golf Tournament and served as a mentor at Oakland Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, a man of great faith, Bill Sherman was an active member of High Street Baptist Church, where he was a member of the intermediate usher board and the church bus driver; and

WHEREAS, from his passionate love of golf to his commitment to community service, Bill Sherman brought a lively sense of humor and tremendous work ethic to all his endeavors that made him a friend to many; and

WHEREAS, a devoted father, Bill Sherman will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Tara, Kia, and Anthony, and their wonderful families; and his many other family members, friends, and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a beloved community supporter and respected citizen of Roanoke, William Lloyd Sherman; 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 William Lloyd Sherman as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.