

2011 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 665

Celebrating the life of Charles Leonard Willis, Sr.

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

Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2011

WHEREAS, Charles Leonard Willis, Sr., of Norfolk, a respected businessman, community volunteer, and outstanding citizen, died on September 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Virginia, Leonard Willis was born in The Hollow, a small mountain community in Patrick County; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Willis later moved to Portsmouth, where he met Loretta, his beautiful bride of 57 years; they moved to Suffolk in 1964, where they raised their three wonderful sons; and

WHEREAS, a hard-working student, Leonard Willis received a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University and became a professional engineer; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Willis fulfilled his entrepreneurial ambitions by establishing his own business; he was well-known and respected as an expert in ship construction and repair and contracts negotiation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to devoting a great deal of time and effort to his successful business, Leonard Willis unselfishly supported his beloved community and enjoyed spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Willis generously gave of his time and talents in the community as past president of the Old Dominion Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, C.E. & H. Ruritan Club, and North Suffolk Rotary Club; he was also active in Cub Scout Pack 43 in Crittenden/Eclipse; and

WHEREAS, respected for his kind heart and wise words, Leonard Willis always looked for ways to support those in need and served as a mentor for many young men, encouraging them to excel in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Leonard Willis will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Loretta; children, Lenny, Larry, and Leslie and their families; mother, Iris; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a respected community volunteer, businessman, and outstanding citizen of the Commonwealth, Charles Leonard Willis, Sr.; 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 Charles Leonard Willis, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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