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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 668

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Celebrating the life of Lieutenant Colonel John Woodell, Jr., USAF Ret.

Patrons—Byron; Senator: Stanley

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel John Woodell, Jr., United States Air Force, Retired, a beloved Brookneal resident who served as a member of the town council and as vice mayor, died on October 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, John "Jack" Woodell graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; as a student there, he met his future wife, Peggy Rose, a native of Brookneal; and

WHEREAS, Jack Woodell proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II and enjoyed a long and successful career in the United States Air Force until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1975; and

WHEREAS, a respected and admired leader, Jack Woodell served in the Strategic Air Command during the Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis, and Vietnam War and served in various posts around the world as part of his distinguished military career; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Jack Woodell and his wife would visit her hometown and upon his retirement, they decided to move to Virginia and retire to the lovely Town of Brookneal; and

WHEREAS, even after his retirement, Jack Woodell continued to work, serving as headmaster of the Patrick Henry Private Academy in Charlotte Courthouse before buying and working at the R.D. Williams Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, known for his friendly disposition and willingness to serve others, Jack Woodell actively involved himself in his new community as a member of the town council and as vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, desirous to help his fellow neighbors, Jack Woodell familiarized himself with the inner workings of his new town and worked diligently to ensure efficient and effective government for local residents; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many civic and business responsibilities, Jack Woodell also generously gave of his time and talents as a member of the Staunton River Masonic Lodge No. 155; and

WHEREAS, a humble man, Jack Woodell loved his fellow residents and enjoyed serving them; he touched the lives of those with whom he came in contact through his warm heart and encouraging words; and

WHEREAS, Jack Woodell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife, Peggy Rose; children, Trudy and Joni and their families; numerous other family members and friends; and the residents of the Town of Brookneal; 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 citizen of the Town of Brookneal, Lieutenant Colonel John Woodell, Jr., USAF Ret.; 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 Lieutenant Colonel John Woodell, Jr., USAF Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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