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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 930

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Celebrating the life of Darrell Patton Dougherty.

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WHEREAS, Darrell Patton Dougherty, a beloved civic leader and resident of Gate City, died on February 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Scott County, Darrell Dougherty was born on June 19, 1927, to the late Sam and Dessie Gillenwater Dougherty; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Nickelsville High School, where he played on the basketball team, Darrell Dougherty attended Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a proud American patriot, Darrell Dougherty served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Dougherty gained experience in the theater industry when he operated the Taylor Theaters in the late 1940s and early 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Dougherty may be best known for his restaurant, the Campus Drive-In, which he established in 1955; 60 years later, the Campus Drive-In remains one of Gate City's most beloved gathering spots for food and conversation; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Darrell Dougherty and other Gate City business leaders launched an effort to establish the Scott County Park and Golf Course, which now boasts a nine-hole golf course, picnic shelters, tennis courts, walking trails, and modern meeting spaces; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Dougherty devoted his energies to Gate City as a two-term member of the town council and a four-term mayor; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Dougherty was active at Gate City United Methodist Church and president of the Men's Club for many years; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Nancy, Darrell Dougherty will be fondly remembered by his son, Allen; his granddaughters, Beth and Lisa; and his great-grandson, Brett; 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 Darrell Patton Dougherty, beloved civic leader; 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 Darrell Patton Dougherty as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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