HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 265

Celebrating the life of Dowell Richardson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2012 Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2012

WHEREAS, Dowell Richardson, a devoted husband, a veteran, and a true son of Southwest Virginia, passed away on January 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dowell Richardson, who was born and raised in Virginia's beautiful Tazewell County, served in the United States Army; following his military service, he was involved in coal operations, automobile sales, and NASCAR merchandising; and

WHEREAS, faith and family meant a great deal to Dowell Richardson throughout his life; he found great pleasure in the times he spent with his grandchildren, and he belonged to Pine Creek Holiness Church, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with other church members; and

WHEREAS, Dowell Richardson's roots in Southwest Virginia ran deep as he was born in the picturesque community of Raven and later moved to Doran; throughout his life he was surrounded by the majestic ridges and valleys of Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dowell Richardson leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 40 years, Jackie; his daughter, Beverly, and her family; his sons, Pete and Ryder, and their families; and many other family members and friends; 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 loving family man, a person of faith, and a son of Virginia who proudly called Tazewell County home, Dowell Richardson; 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 Dowell Richardson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.