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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 770

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Celebrating the life of George Reid Swecker.

Patrons—Spruill, Brink, Bulova, Dance, Filler-Corn, Herring, Howell, A.T., Joannou, Scott, J.M., Sickles, Torian, Toscano, Ward, Ware, O. and Watts

WHEREAS, George Reid Swecker, a well-known farmer in Highland County and a true gentleman, died on January 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in the beautiful Blue Grass Valley, George Swecker lived in Blue Grass or Monterey for most of his life and loved the majestic ridges and foggy valleys of Highland County, but most of all he loved its people; and

WHEREAS, a well-known member of the farming community, George Swecker was the co-owner and longtime manager of Monterey Livestock Sales, Inc., until his retirement in 1997; he was also a member of the Virginia Cattlemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, an active leader in Monterey, George Swecker joined the board of Blue Grass Valley Bank and served several terms as president over the next 55 years; and

WHEREAS, George Swecker was a member of the Democratic Party, the Highland County School Board, a charter member and past president of the Blue Grass Ruritan Club, and a member and past master of Highland Lodge No. 110 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and

WHEREAS, a loyal Presbyterian, George Swecker was a devout member and trusted elder of Crabbottom Presbyterian Church; when the church closed in 1994, he transferred to Monterey Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, when George Swecker moved to Harrisonburg in 2004, he continued to build the same kind of friendships that made him a respected and beloved member of the Highland County community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted friend and neighbor, George Swecker always worked to better the lives of others, displaying kindness, decency, and respect; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Nancy, George Swecker is survived and lovingly remembered by his daughters, Elly and Susan, and their families, including grandchildren, Brent and Charlotte; 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 George Reid Swecker, a hardworking farmer and a respected member of each community he touched; 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 George Reid Swecker as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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