## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 810**

Celebrating the life of John H. Smedley, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2013 Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2013

WHEREAS, John H. Smedley, Sr., the former Commissioner of the Revenue and a loyal servant of Warren County, died on August 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Front Royal, John Smedley previously held jobs as a real estate assessor, a tax assessor, an independent distributor for the *Washington Post*, and the owner/operator of The Blue Ridge Market; and

WHEREAS, John Smedley went on to serve as the Commissioner of the Revenue of Warren County for 24 years, building a reputation as a conscientious public servant and a dedicated friend to the county and his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a highly professional constitutional officer, John Smedley lobbied in Richmond on behalf of Warren County and served as a past president of the West Central Commissioners of the Revenue Association and a member of the Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue Association; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic supporter of the region, John Smedley was involved with a variety of civic groups and civic causes, including assisting the elderly and supporting the Warren County Fair; and

WHEREAS, as a man who loved and expressed pride in his family, John Smedley often shared family pictures, including pictures of his cats, with friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, John Smedley is survived and dearly missed by his beloved wife, Doris; children, John, Jr., Christopher, Desiree, and Jessica, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 dedicated public servant and a supporter of Warren County, John H. Smedley, 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 John H. Smedley, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.