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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 456

Offered February 21, 2013

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Clifton Alexander Woodrum III.

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Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, the Honorable Clifton Alexander Woodrum III, who faithfully served the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1980 to 2004, died on February 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D.C., Clifton "Chip" Woodrum received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, a respected attorney and dedicated community leader, Chip Woodrum ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1979 and served the residents of what is today the 11th District with great distinction for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Chip Woodrum served on the Appropriations; Claims; Commerce and Labor; Corporations, Insurance and Banking; Courts of Justice; General Laws; Mining and Mineral Resources; and Privileges and Elections Committees; and

WHEREAS, known for his quick wit, keen intelligence, and knowledge of literature, Chip Woodrum worked with legislators on both sides of the aisle to advance legislation to benefit the residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, an extraordinarily effective lawmaker, Chip Woodrum sponsored legislation that created the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program and the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Chip Woodrum introduced legislation that benefited the Roanoke Valley, including a bill which allowed a portion of the sales tax revenue generated at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center to help finance the hotel's restoration; and

WHEREAS, Chip Woodrum, who served the people of the Roanoke Valley and the Commonwealth with great dedication, fairness, and compassion, leaves behind a legislative legacy that continues to impact and improve the lives of Virginians today; and

WHEREAS, Chip Woodrum will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Emily; children, Robert, Meredith, and Anne, and their families; and other family members, numerous friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an esteemed lawmaker, the Honorable Clifton Alexander Woodrum III; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Clifton Alexander Woodrum III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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