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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 227

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Celebrating the life of Clayton Campbell Bryant, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Clayton Campbell Bryant, Sr., of Appomattox, a hardworking and successful land developer, died on October 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, as a boy, Clayton Bryant worked with his father and his nine siblings, cutting down trees and hauling logs in the rugged countryside of Amherst, Nelson, and Buckingham Counties; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Bryant, a native of Wingina, joined the United States Armed Forces when he was 18 and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; he proudly served as a military policeman during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge in 1946, Clayton Bryant returned home, purchased a new logging truck with the money he had saved, and embarked on his own logging career; and

WHEREAS, not long after going into business for himself, Clayton Bryant decided to invest some of his earnings in real estate; he purchased a tract of land, divided it into two parcels, and sold them, which marked the beginning of a career in real estate investment and development; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton C. Bryant Land Company has been in existence for more than 50 years, selling houses, land, farms, and timber tracts; Clayton Bryant's children and grandchildren now are part of the family business; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Bryant was a longtime barrel racing enthusiast; he owned several prize-winning horses and built a barrel horse arena in Appomattox that features a monthly open arena night where riders can practice and train; and

WHEREAS, a respected and successful businessman and community leader, in his lifetime Clayton Bryant generated a great deal of employment opportunities and business development for the people of Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Bryant will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many family members, including his wife, Virginia, and his children, Clayton, Jr., Ronnie, and Sharon, and their families, and numerous 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 Clayton Campbell Bryant, Sr., a loving husband and father who founded a successful real estate investment and development company in Appomattox; 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 Clayton Campbell Bryant, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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