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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 232

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Celebrating the life of James Gibbs Browder, Jr.

Patron—Howell, W.J.

WHEREAS, James Gibbs Browder, Jr., a loyal veteran and a highly respected former employee of the Commonwealth, died on October 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, raised on a tobacco farm in Brunswick County, James "Jamie" Browder learned the value of hard work at a young age; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Browder earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Military Institute in 1966 and remained a proud and supportive alumnus of the college for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, after completing his education, Jamie Browder accepted a trainee position with the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation at the height of the development of the Interstate Highway System; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1960s, Jamie Browder also served his country as a member of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; in 1969, he returned to the Commonwealth as a member of the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, rising to the rank of major general, Jamie Browder honorably served as the commander of the 80th Division of the United States Army Reserve from 1997 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, admired for his ability to balance his military service and his career with the Commonwealth, Jamie Browder worked at the Virginia Department of Transportation for 34 years; over the course of his distinguished career, he was known as an honest, trustworthy leader, coworker, and friend; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional who took immense pride in his work, Jamie Browder was promoted from district administrator of Fredericksburg to chief engineer of the Department; he was admired for his initiative, enthusiasm, and commitment to always getting a job done right; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, Jamie Browder was involved in planning the replacement of the West Point bridges and served as the on-site project manager for the construction of the bridges, which were completed in 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Browder later offered his leadership, experience, and expertise as a member of the board of directors of an engineering firm in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Browder will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his wife of 47 years, Doma; his children, Danielle, Anita, and James III, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and fellow service members; 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 James Gibbs Browder, Jr., a respected veteran and a dedicated longtime employee of the Commonwealth; 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 James Gibbs Browder, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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