

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 232

Celebrating the life of James Gibbs Browder, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2014

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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