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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 251

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Celebrating the life of James Donald Wagner, Jr.

Patron—Gilbert

WHEREAS, James Donald Wagner, Jr., a well-thought-of member of the emergency medical services community in Woodstock, died on March 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Wagner served as a member of the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad for over 40 years, having served in every office during his active service, including numerous times as captain; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wagner chaired the EMS Exchange Program for the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. (VAVRS), from 1999 to 2011, developing and coordinating the program that brought EMS providers to Virginia from countries such as Germany and in turn sent Virginia's providers to those countries; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wagner was also a participant in the exchange program, traveling to Kassel, Germany, representing VAVRS; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wagner dedicated himself for the past six years to operating the VAVRS booth at the annual conference, allowing committee members to attend meetings and classes; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Jim Wagner helped run contests at the annual conference and sell items to visitors and members; he was known for his salesmanship, especially when it came to selling "year-old" shirts and cookbooks; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wagner served VAVRS as an Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course Instructor for 15 years and also as a District Rescue Officer for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wagner was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served in Vietnam, and continued his service to the United States by serving in the United States Navy Reserve for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wagner had a musical talent, having played in numerous bands in and around Woodstock, playing and collecting guitars, and sharing his God-given talent with others; and

WHEREAS, a true Virginia gentleman who touched the lives of numerous individuals through his music, his volunteer rescue squad service, and his involvement in the Valley Health Heart Attack Risk Program, Jim Wagner will be greatly missed by his wife Karen, his children, and grandchildren; 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 distinguished member of the community, James Donald Wagner, Jr.; 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 Donald Wagner, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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