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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 279

Offered February 6, 2014

Celebrating the life of Samuel S. Burkett.

Patron—Campbell

WHEREAS, Samuel S. Burkett, who admirably served the residents of Marion for 32 years as a member of the Town Council and as a longtime community banker, died on January 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953, Samuel Burkett devoted his career and much of his free time to assisting the people, businesses, and organizations of Marion and Smyth County as a banker and as an elected official; and

WHEREAS, during more than three decades on the Marion Town Council, Samuel Burkett admirably represented the residents of the small town, which is the Smyth County seat; he was vice mayor for 16 years and served on the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Burkett capped his 47-year career in banking as manager of the Marion branch of Wells Fargo & Company; as a community banker, he received valuable insight into the issues and concerns faced by the people of Marion and Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Burkett volunteered with Project Crossroads and the Settlers Museum of Southwest Virginia; he also served on the board of the Smyth County Community Hospital Foundation, Inc., and was a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club of Marion; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Burkett worshipped at First United Methodist Church in Marion, where he assumed many leadership roles; he also derived much pleasure from time spent with his friends and from traveling and playing golf; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Samuel Burkett will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife of 63 years, Helen; his children, Wayne and Wesley, and their families; and many other family members and friends; 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 Samuel S. Burkett, an esteemed Virginian, respected community banker, and dedicated public servant; 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 Samuel S. Burkett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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