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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

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Celebrating the life of the Honorable James Peyton Farmer.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable James Peyton Farmer, a retired judge of the Caroline General District Court, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and the Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, died on November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bowling Green, James Farmer graduated from Caroline High School and earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, James Farmer returned to Bowling Green in 1959 to begin his legal practice and later became the Commonwealth's Attorney for Caroline County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Farmer served as a judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and the Caroline General District Court of the 15th Judicial District of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Judge Farmer was the first person from Caroline County to be elected by the Virginia General Assembly to serve as a 15th Judicial Circuit Court judge; he presided with great fairness and wisdom until his retirement in 1999; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Judge Farmer continued to ably serve the Commonwealth as a substitute judge until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Judge Farmer volunteered his time to help others as a past master of the Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a past deputy grand master of the Eighth Masonic District of Virginia, and a member of the Caroline County Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, Judge Farmer enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Bowling Green Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and a men's Bible class teacher for many years; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Judge Farmer served the community and the Commonwealth with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, James Farmer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife of 54 years, Jean; his children, Dresden, Anderson, Valerie, and Jacqueline, and their families; numerous other family members and friends; and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 respected and admired public servant, the Honorable James Peyton Farmer; 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 the Honorable James Peyton Farmer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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