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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46**

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*Celebrating the life of Marshall A. Ecker.*

Patrons—Adams and Marshall, D.W.

WHEREAS, Marshall A. Ecker, the chair of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors and a dedicated member of the community, died on September 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maryland, Marshall Ecker moved to Gretna with his wife, Ann, in 2000, where he continued a life of service; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Ecker proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Marksmanship Badge, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign ribbon; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Marshall Ecker was first elected to the board of supervisors to represent the Staunton River Magisterial District in northern Pittsylvania County, and was elected by the board to serve as its chair in 2013; and

WHEREAS, in addition to advocating on behalf of the citizens of Pittsylvania, Marshall Ecker was also a faithful member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and mentor; and

WHEREAS, also a talented craftsman, Marshall Ecker created beautiful pieces of artwork in several mediums, including woodworking and blacksmithing, that he proudly displayed in his home and on his property; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Ecker will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Ann; son, Jason, and his family; 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 a dedicated public servant and respected member of the Gretna community, Marshall A. Ecker; 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 Marshall A. Ecker as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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