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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 461

Offered March 3, 2014

Celebrating the life of Rodney Hubbard.

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WHEREAS, Rodney Hubbard of Natural Bridge, director of the District 23A Court Service Unit for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the City of Roanoke and former chairman of the Rockbridge County School Board, whose work and example encouraged and brought out the best in those around him, died on January 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Natural Bridge, Rodney Hubbard graduated from Natural Bridge High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Rodney Hubbard began his career with the Commonwealth as an institutional rehabilitation counselor in what is now called the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ); he remained a dedicated state employee his entire life; and

WHEREAS, for almost 40 years, Rodney Hubbard worked for the DJJ as intake officer/mediator, probation counselor, and probation supervisor for the Cities of Lexington and Covington and Botetourt County for the 25th District Court Service Unit; and

WHEREAS, for the last 15 years, Rodney Hubbard was director of the District 23A Court Service Unit of the DJJ in the City of Roanoke; he served the court and the people who came before it with diligence and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Hubbard was an active member of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association and served on its board of directors; he was honored with the group's Meritorious Award in the Area of Court Services in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Hubbard received an additional award from the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association in 2003, the Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration; and

WHEREAS, a tireless supporter of his community, Rodney Hubbard was a former member and chairman of the Rockbridge County School Board; he was also a member of the advisory board of BB&T Bank and served on the initial board of the Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Hubbard was also a member of the board of Project Horizon and served on the board of the John Chavis House at Washington and Lee University; he worshipped at First Baptist Church of Natural Bridge and had participated in the church's music ministry for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, in his profession and in his community, Rodney Hubbard's talents were evident in his work with people; as a mentor, he inspired young employees and led by example; he believed that families and children deserved support and that positive change often could happen; he was soft-spoken and direct with a no-nonsense approach that was patient, supportive, and kind; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Hubbard was a special person and good friend to many people and also to his professional associates; he was an extraordinary colleague and mentor who touched many lives, providing support, good humor, and wise counsel at home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Hubbard will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Debbie; children, Scott, Korey, Rob, Aaron, and Ryan, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Rodney Hubbard, director of the District 23A Court Service Unit for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for the City of Roanoke and former chairman of the Rockbridge County School Board, who sought to bring out the best in those around him; 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 Rodney Hubbard as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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