HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 474

Celebrating the life of the Honorable William Kent Bowers.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, the Honorable William Kent Bowers, a respected substitute judge of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham General District Court of the 26th Judicial District of Virginia and a friend to many in the community, died on October 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Harrisonburg, Kent Bowers graduated from Harrisonburg High School and the University of Virginia; he earned a law degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a highly professional and skilled attorney, Kent Bowers practiced law in Harrisonburg for many years; and

WHEREAS, Kent Bowers became a substitute judge of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham General District Court of the 26th Judicial District of Virginia, where he presided with great fairness and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Kent Bowers enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of St. Stephen's United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Kent Bowers served the community and the Commonwealth with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Kent Bowers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his mother, Elene; sisters, Beth and Julie; and numerous 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 the Honorable William Kent Bowers, a respected substitute judge of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham General District Court and an active member of the Harrisonburg community; 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 William Kent Bowers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.