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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 126

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Celebrating the life of Samuel Creed Wagner.

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WHEREAS, Samuel Creed Wagner, who influenced and guided countless children and young people as Director of the Recreation Department for the Town of Marion, died on February 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Samuel "Kokie" Wagner, who grew up in Marion, had been employed by the recreation department for more than 20 years; he began work as a pool manager and became director of the department in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Kokie Wagner loved sports and the outdoors; he played football at Marion Senior High School, setting a single-season rushing record that stood for 30 years; he was also a football player at Bluefield State College and was inducted into the Smyth County Sports Hall of Fame in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the young people of Marion and Smyth County benefited from Kokie Wagner's dedication to and enthusiasm for the many programs offered by the recreation department, including youth basketball, soccer, and swimming; and

WHEREAS, Kokie Wagner's leadership abilities were evident in his duties with the Marion Recreation Department, especially in his work with volunteers; he was regarded by many as a teacher and a mentor, helping young people turn their lives around; and

WHEREAS, under Kokie Wagner's guidance, the efficient and well-run Marion Recreation Department expanded the number and variety of programs and activities offered to the citizens of the town and surrounding Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, Kokie Wagner, who liked to hunt and fish, took great pleasure in watching his children and their friends play sports; a man of faith, he enjoyed fellowship and worship at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church and Highlands Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, loved and respected by all whose lives he enriched, Kokie Wagner will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Ellen; children, Margaret, Marshall, and Samuel; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Samuel Creed Wagner, Director of the Recreation Department for the Town of Marion and an influential mentor and role model; 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 Creed Wagner as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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