

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

Celebrating the life of the Honorable William E. Maxey, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 10, 2014

WHEREAS, election to public office by the members of one's own community is at once a sacred trust and an indication of the embodiment of the self-governing virtues that our Founding Fathers intended to be a principal characteristic of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, repeated reelection to public office by one's own community is as indicative of the practice of civic virtues as it is a rare accomplishment anywhere in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable William E. Maxey, Jr., who recently passed away at the age of 92, having resigned some weeks previously for reasons of declining health, served both honorably and well as the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Powhatan County for the remarkable period of 56 years, the longest span of similar service in the annals of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey assumed the duties of Clerk of the Circuit Court by appointment on July 1, 1957, and he was subsequently elected by his fellow citizens to the office on seven consecutive occasions, every eight years, in 1959, 1967, 1975, 1983, 1991, 1999, and 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maxey—as he was known with the deference of a still-traditional community—was born in the Village of Powhatan Court House, and he served his native community as Director of Civil Defense, chair of the Red Cross, commander of American Legion Post 201, Justice of the Peace, Secretary of the Electoral Board, chair of the Planning Commission, Commissioner of the Revenue, and, for 14 years, as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey during World War II served in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army; he participated in the engagements of Normandy, Northern France, and the Ardennes and rose to the rank of technical sergeant; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10570, a Past Master of Powhatan Masonic Lodge 295 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Powhatan County Historical Society, a member of May Memorial Baptist Church, a former director and chairman of the board of the former Bank of Powhatan, a member of the Virginia Association of Local Executive Constitutional Officers, and a past president of the Virginia Court Clerks Association; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey's desire to serve the public arose from a profound devotion to his family, his faith, and his fellow Powhatanians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the passing of a public servant who contributed much to Powhatan County and the great saga of self-government within the Commonwealth, the Honorable William E. Maxey, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Powhatan County with the express request that the resolution be hung permanently in the office in which Mr. Maxey served so long and admirably, as a constant reminder of the exceptional example of the citizen as public official that he represents for all Virginians.

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