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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 111

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

Agreed to by the Senate, January 30, 2014
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 2014

WHEREAS, the Honorable William E. Maxey, Jr., the longtime clerk of the Powhatan County Circuit Court and a deeply respected member of the community, died on December 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Powhatan County, William Maxey served his country during World War II in the Ordnance Corps of the United States Army; he participated in the invasion of Normandy and in engagements in northern France and the Ardennes Forest, rising to the rank of technical sergeant; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey returned to the Commonwealth and later assumed the duties of clerk of the Powhatan County Circuit Court by appointment on July 1, 1957, and he was subsequently elected by his fellow citizens to the office on seven consecutive occasions; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey served honorably and well as clerk of the circuit court for the remarkable period of 56 years; upon his retirement in 2013, he was the longest-serving clerk in the history of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey was admired by his coworkers for his dedication, humility, and integrity; he was always willing to provide the benefit of his wisdom and experience to a friend or coworker in need; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey 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, clerk to the Board of Supervisors; 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 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 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; he leaves a legacy of excellence to other public servants throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, William Maxey will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his wife, Joyce; children, Betsy, Chess, Tricia, William III, and Brenda, and their families; and numerous family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable William E. Maxey, Jr., an incomparable public servant and a true gentleman; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable William E. Maxey, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.