## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18**

Celebrating the life of James Barksdale Timberlake.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 9, 2014 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 2014

WHEREAS, James Barksdale Timberlake, a longtime resident of Powhatan County known and admired for his extensive community service, died on September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, James "Jimmy" Timberlake graduated from Powhatan High School, where he served as a leader in the Future Farmers of America and as co-captain of the football team; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Timberlake proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 26 years, earning the Marine of the Year Award early in his career; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Timberlake served the Commonwealth for 26 years as an employee of the Department of Forestry; as Smokey the Bear, he taught countless youths about how to prevent forest fires; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Timberlake spent 33 years with the Powhatan Volunteer Fire Department, serving in a variety of capacities over the years and earning life membership with Company 1; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Timberlake generously gave of his time and talents to the Boy Scouts, James River Batteau Festival, Relay for Life, Coalition of Powhatan Churches, Fighting Creek Park, and numerous other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Timberlake took part in fellowship and worship as a member of Powhatan United Methodist Church, volunteering with the church's ministry at Beaumont Learning Center for more than 19 years; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Jimmy Timberlake enjoyed gardening and freely gave away the fruits of his labor; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Timberlake served the community, Commonwealth, and country with great dedication and leaves behind a legacy of service that others may strive to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Timberlake will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 43 years, Gail; children, Jamie and Joy, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 a respected citizen of Powhatan County, James Barksdale Timberlake; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James Barksdale Timberlake as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.