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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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Celebrating the life of the Honorable James Peyton Farmer.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable James Peyton Farmer, a retired judge of the Caroline General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts and the Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, died on November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bowling Green, James Farmer graduated from Caroline High School and earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, James Farmer returned to Bowling Green in 1959 to begin his legal practice, and he later became the Commonwealth's Attorney for Caroline County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Farmer was appointed as a judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and the Caroline General District Court of the 15th Judicial District of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Judge Farmer was the first person from Caroline County to be elected to serve as a 15th Judicial Circuit Court judge; he presided with great fairness and wisdom until his retirement in 1999; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Judge Farmer continued to ably serve the Commonwealth as a substitute judge until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Judge Farmer volunteered his time to help others as a past master of the Kilwinning Crosse Lodge No. 2-237 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a past deputy grand master of the Eighth Masonic District of Virginia, and a member of the Caroline County Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, Judge Farmer enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Bowling Green Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and a men's Bible class teacher for many years; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Judge Farmer served the community and the Commonwealth with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, James Farmer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife of 54 years, Jean; his children, Dresden, Anderson, Valerie, and Jacqueline, and their families; numerous other 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 a respected and admired public servant, the Honorable James Peyton Farmer; 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 James Peyton Farmer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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