2014 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Celebrating the life of Joseph Fuller Motley.

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

WHEREAS, Joseph Fuller Motley, a retired educator and businessman from Chatham who touched the lives of countless students and fellow residents with his meaningful service, died on March 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, when he was 16 years old, Joseph Motley started his own company, Motley Dairy, by selling his cows' milk and butter on the school bus route; the dairy continues to be owned and operated by his family today; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Chatham High School, Joseph Motley proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Motley continued his schooling at Milligan College and earned a bachelor's degree from Lynchburg College; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Joseph Motley embarked on a distinguished career in education as a history teacher with Pittsylvania County Schools that would span 30 years; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader, Joseph Motley provided keen insight and wise guidance on agricultural matters through his service on several boards; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Motley's love of history and genealogy led him to serve as president of the Pittsylvania Historical Society and to work on the renovation of old buildings, including converting an old church building into a home for him and his wife; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Motley enjoyed fellowship and worship at Sheva Church of Christ, where he served as an elder and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Joseph Motley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 64 years, Judith; children, Sarah, Susan, James, Joseph, and Timothy, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Chatham, Joseph Fuller Motley; and, be it

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

ENROLLED