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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5151

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*Celebrating the life of John Linwood Bourne, Sr.*

Patron—McClellan

WHEREAS, John Linwood Bourne, Sr., a proud veteran, civil servant, and community leader in Wytheville, died on July 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Accomack County, John Bourne grew up in Wytheville, where he graduated from Scott Memorial High School; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, John Bourne joined the United States Marine Corps; after his honorable discharge, he began a long career as a law-enforcement officer in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, John Bourne returned to the Commonwealth and worked to enhance the quality of life of his fellow Southwest Virginia residents as a member of the Mount Rogers Community Service Board; and

WHEREAS, a caring and compassionate man, John Bourne lived his faith through his actions, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Wytheville; and

WHEREAS, John Bourne will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Maria; children, Theresa, Charlene, John, Jr., Shaun, Jeff, and Justin, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Linwood Bourne, Sr., a pillar of the Wytheville community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John Linwood Bourne, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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