

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5161

Celebrating the life of Lester Elton Pruitt.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, Lester Elton Pruitt, a respected businessman and former Mayor of the Town of Chatham, died on June 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pittsylvania County, Elton Pruitt served his country with the National Guard of the United States; and

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, Elton Pruitt served members of the community at the Western Auto-True Value store; he owned and operated the store for 22 years, earning a reputation as an honest and hardworking businessman; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Elton Pruitt ran for and was elected to the Chatham Town Council; beginning in 1992, he served on the council for eight years, including two terms as mayor; and

WHEREAS, as mayor, Elton Pruitt oversaw numerous enhancements to the town, including the construction of a new fire station, completion of a town website, and several other infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Elton Pruitt also worked to better the lives of his fellow residents as a 30-year member and president of the Chatham Lions Club, the chair of the board of Oak Grove Residential Care, and a board member of the Faith Home and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Elton Pruitt served as a ruling elder and a Sunday school teacher at Chatham Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Elton Pruitt will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 53 years, Betty, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Lester Elton Pruitt, a respected businessman and dedicated public servant in the Town of Chatham; 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 Lester Elton Pruitt as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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