

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 519

Celebrating the life of James Elmo Shires, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, James Elmo Shires, Jr., a proud veteran and the respected former Mayor of the Town of Iron Gate, died on February 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alderson, West Virginia, James Shires attended Berea College in Kentucky and graduated from Marshall University in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, James Shires joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to his country during World War II as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, later joining the United States Air Force, James Shires continued to serve the nation during the Korean War and the Vietnam War and retired as a senior master sergeant; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military career, James Shires served the community as an employee of the United States Post Office in Covington; and

WHEREAS, James Shires was appointed Mayor of the Town of Iron Gate on November 24, 1975, to fulfill an unexpired term; he worked diligently to enhance the town and support its residents, offering his wisdom and leadership until he stepped down in 1977; and

WHEREAS, James Shires enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Iron Gate United Methodist Church, where he held various offices; and

WHEREAS, James Shires will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Lillie, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of James Elmo Shires, Jr., an admired public servant and proud veteran in the Town of Iron Gate; 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 James Elmo Shires, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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