HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 613

Celebrating the life of Donald Elwood Carter.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 2015 Agreed to by the Senate, January 29, 2015

WHEREAS, Donald Elwood Carter, a successful businessman and admired community leader in Suffolk, died on September 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Suffolk, Donald "Don" Elwood Carter learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age while selling furniture with his father and brothers; and

WHEREAS, Don Carter honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War, then returned home and continued working at the family business, known today as Carter's Quality Furniture; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished 60-year career, Don Carter helped his business expand and become an integral part of the community, known for both high-quality products and excellent customer service; and

WHEREAS, working generously to enhance the quality of life of his fellow Suffolk residents, Don Carter served as a member and past president of local Ruritan and Civitan clubs and the Retail Merchants Association for Downtown Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, Don Carter enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as an active member of Cypress Chapel Christian Church, where he served as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Don Carter will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Edna; children, Donald, Jr., Susan, and Kathryn, 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 Donald Elwood Carter, a respected businessman and community leader in Suffolk; 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 Donald Elwood Carter as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.