HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 681

Celebrating the life of Earl T. Smith.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 2015 Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 2015

WHEREAS, Earl T. Smith, a dedicated servant to the Ashland community and a beloved husband and father, died on December 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Earl Smith safeguarded the lives and property of community members as a lifetime member of the Ashland Volunteer Fire Company, having served for more than 59 years; and

WHEREAS, Earl Smith worked to protect and preserve the environment and natural resources of the Ashland area as a chief forest warden for 33 years; he earned the nickname Smokey the Bear for his commitment to protecting the Commonwealth's forests; and

WHEREAS, Earl Smith also worked to enhance the quality of life of his fellow Ashland residents as a longtime member of the Independence Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, Earl Smith will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of more than 61 years, Karl; children, Michael, Mark, and Renee, and their families; 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 Earl T. Smith, an active contributor to the well-being of the Ashland 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 Earl T. Smith as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.