

2015 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 924

Celebrating the life of Walter Blair Keller, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2015
Agreed to by the Senate, February 26, 2015

WHEREAS, Walter Blair Keller, Jr., a respected farmer, historian, and community leader in Washington County, died on February 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Washington County, Blair Keller was a charter member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 70 in Green Spring and the first in the troop to attain the rank of Eagle Scout; he remained an active volunteer in Scouting throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Blair Keller served the region and the Commonwealth as a farmer; he was a board member of the Southwest Virginia 4-H Club and a statistician with the Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service; and

WHEREAS, Blair Keller was proud of his family's deep roots in the region, and he helped preserve Washington County's natural and historical resources as a charter member of the Mount Rogers chapter of the Appalachian Trail Club and a board member of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association; and

WHEREAS, serving on the steering committee of the Abingdon Muster Grounds, Blair Keller was instrumental in the creation of the Call to Arms Colonial Education Program at the site; the W. Blair Keller, Jr., Interpretive Center at the Abingdon Muster Grounds was named in his honor in 2010; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Blair Keller enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Green Spring Presbyterian Church and Watauga Chapel, where he held several leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Blair Keller will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 65 years, Gilda; children, Teresa and Walter III, 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 Walter Blair Keller, Jr., a farmer, historian, and community leader in Washington County; 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 Walter Blair Keller, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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