

## 2015 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 335

*Celebrating the life of Marvin Bennett Milam.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 12, 2015  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2015

WHEREAS, Marvin Bennett Milam, the longtime city manager of Harrisonburg who helped the city grow in both size and population, died on November 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pittsylvania County, Marvin Milam grew up in Roanoke and learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age at summer construction jobs; he honorably served his country with the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after returning home, Marvin Milam enjoyed a long career in the construction industry, then relocated to Harrisonburg in 1969 to become the city's third manager since 1952; and

WHEREAS, as the longest-serving city manager of Harrisonburg, Marvin Milam worked to enhance the lives of residents and to strengthen the city for more than two decades, until his well-earned retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, under Marvin Milam's tenure, the population of Harrisonburg more than doubled; he worked to improve the city's infrastructure, overseeing the construction of the Switzer Dam and the development of the local public transportation system; and

WHEREAS, a humble and efficient leader, Marvin Milam was a trusted mentor to his colleagues and a friend to many people in the community; he placed trust in his employees and was admired for his ability to inspire them to excel in service to the city; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Milam was an exemplar of the professionalism, dedication, and care for the community displayed by local public servants throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Milam will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 63 years, Norma; children, Michael, Mark, Matt, and Mel, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Marvin Bennett Milam, an accomplished public servant in Harrisonburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Marvin Bennett Milam as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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