

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 401

Celebrating the life of Thomas Clay Wood.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 4, 2016

Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Thomas Clay Wood, a farmer and public servant who made many contributions to public education and the Prince William County community as a whole, died on May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nokesville, Clay Wood grew up on his family's farm on Vint Hill Road and learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age; after graduating from Strayer College, he began a career in farming with his wife, Winnie; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his fellow residents, Clay Wood ran for and was elected to the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, served for 19 years on the Prince William County Soil and Water Conservation Board, and was a longtime appointee to the Commonwealth Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of a good education, Clay Wood strove to create new opportunities for local youth during his 24-year tenure on the Prince William County School Board, where he helped secure funds for Brentsville District High School and introduced special education programs to Prince William County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Clay Wood continued to serve young people when he sold his childhood farm to Prince William County for the construction of a new school, which was named T. Clay Wood Elementary School in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Clay Wood also worked to strengthen and enhance the community as a 64-year member of the Nokesville Ruritan Club, where he served as district governor and received an award for 60 years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Clay Wood enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Nokesville United Methodist Church, where he held several leadership positions and served as a longtime delegate to the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Clay Wood will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Linda, Diane, and Lanson, and their families; and many 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 Thomas Clay Wood, a respected farmer and public servant in Nokesville; 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 Thomas Clay Wood as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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