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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 183

Offered February 29, 2016

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Madison Ellis Marye.

Patrons—Edwards, Alexander, Barker, Black, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, Dance, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Favola, Garrett, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, McDougale, McEachin, McPike, Miller, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Petersen, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Surovell, Vogel, Wagner and Wexton; Delegate: Rasoul

WHEREAS, the Honorable Madison Ellis Marye of Shawsville, a respected farmer, businessman, and public servant who represented the residents of the 37th District in the Senate of Virginia for almost three decades, died on February 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Montgomery County, Madison Marye graduated from the University of Georgia and honorably served his country during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Army, rising to the rank of major; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Madison Marye ran for and was elected to the Senate of Virginia during a special election in 1973; he ably represented the residents of the Counties of Carroll, Floyd, Grayson, and Montgomery and the Cities of Galax and Radford in what was then the 37th District; and

WHEREAS, during his 29-year tenure, Madison Marye was a champion for rural residents and introduced many important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians, including a bill to lower the state food tax; he offered his leadership expertise to several committees, including the Committees on Local Government, Rehabilitation and Social Services, and Commerce and Labor, and served as chairman of the Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and General Laws; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Madison Marye served the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction until his well-earned retirement from public office in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Madison Marye will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 the Honorable Madison Ellis Marye, a farmer, businessman, and public servant in Southwest Virginia; and, be it

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

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