

## 2016 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

*Celebrating the life of William T. Bear II.*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 14, 2016  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 29, 2016

WHEREAS, William T. Bear II of Churchville, a fifth-generation family business owner who served countless local residents in need as a funeral director, died on June 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Churchville, William "Bill" Bear graduated from Churchville High School and earned a degree from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bear inherited ownership of Bear Funeral Home from his father; the family business has been in continuous operation for more than 200 years and originally produced cabinets and other wood furnishings, including coffins; and

WHEREAS, under Bill Bear's leadership, Bear Funeral Home maintained a reputation for exceptional service, treating families with dignity and compassion in their time of need and ensuring that arrangements were handled with care; and

WHEREAS, serving the residents of Churchville, as well as the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, and Rockingham, Bill Bear earned a reputation for professionalism and comforted many grieving families with his gentle demeanor and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bill Bear enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Calvary Baptist Church, and he worked to further strengthen and enhance the community as a life member of Churchville Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bear will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, William III, Judi, and Jill, and their families and numerous other family members, friends, and local residents whose families he served; 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 William T. Bear II, the deeply respected funeral director of Bear Funeral Home; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William T. Bear II as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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