

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 566

Celebrating the life of Harry Gilly Penley.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, Harry Gilly Penley, a respected businessman, public servant, and lifelong resident of Scott County who helped community members connect with their roots as a genealogist, died on August 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Harry Penley graduated from Shoemaker High School and attended Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee; at the outset of World War II, he enrolled in the Ryan School of Aeronautics and later served the nation by building Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighters; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Harry Penley returned home and began working in the family business; he and his father owned and operated the Home Supply Company for many years, and he became the owner and operator of Stock Creek Coal Company in Mabe; and

WHEREAS, Harry Penley first began serving the residents of Scott County as postmaster in 1953, then he was elected as clerk of the Scott County Circuit Court in 1967; he served the county in that capacity for 32 years, becoming the only person in the history of Scott County to have been elected as clerk for four terms; and

WHEREAS, during his long career, Harry Penley became well-known in the community for his work to help local families research their genealogical history, and one of his proudest accomplishments was the publication of his own family tree; and

WHEREAS, Harry Penley was an active member of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and helped organize chapters of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Harry Penley enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a devout 70-year member of Gate City United Methodist Church, where he served as longtime treasurer and held many other leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 60 years, June, Harry Penley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Harry Gilly Penley, an admired businessman and public servant in Scott 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 Harry Gilly Penley as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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