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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 718

Offered January 11, 2017

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Otho Beverley Roller.

Patrons—Landes; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, the Honorable Otho Beverley Roller, a lifelong resident of Weyers Cave, who served the community as a farmer, educator, and public servant who ably represented the residents of the 10th District in the Virginia House of Delegates, died on March 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Otho Beverley "Bev" Roller earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, and he served his country as a member of the United States Merchant Marine during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Bev Roller inspired students as a teacher in Augusta County Public Schools, and as a lifelong farmer and a prominent member and former state president of the Future Farmers of America for 48 years, he coached and mentored countless young people; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Bev Roller ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, where he represented the residents of the Counties of Augusta and Highland and the Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro in the 10th District from 1965 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Bev Roller introduced and supported numerous important pieces of legislation and was appointed as a director of Virginians for Integrity in Government; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Bev Roller served the Augusta County community and the Commonwealth with integrity and distinction; in 1972, he became a supervisor in agricultural education for the Virginia Department of Education, and he also served on the board of directors for Rockingham Mutual Insurance Company and was an active member of Ruritan National for 66 years; and

WHEREAS, Bev Roller enjoyed fellowship and worship as a charter member of Bethany United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday school for nearly 70 years and held many other leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, a loving family man, Bev Roller will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Dorothy; children, Randy, Becky, and Jackie, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 the Honorable Otho Beverley Roller, a farmer, educator, and former member of the Virginia House of Delegates; 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 the Honorable Otho Beverley Roller as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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