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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 814

Offered January 23, 2017

Celebrating the life of Joseph Byron Yount III.

Patrons—Landes and Bell, Richard P.; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, Joseph Byron Yount III, the former city attorney and mayor of the City of Waynesboro who enriched the lives of others as an author, historian, and community activist, died on October 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charlottesville, Joseph Byron "J. B." Yount III graduated from Fishburne Military School and earned undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia; he proudly served the nation as a member of the United States Army before settling in Waynesboro to practice law; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his fellow community members, J. B. Yount ran for and was elected to the Waynesboro City Council, serving from 1967 to 1972, including a term as the city's second-youngest mayor from 1970 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working as a corporate and estate planning attorney with Edmunds, Willetts, Yount & Hicks and later representing the Crompton Company, J. B. Yount served as city attorney of Waynesboro from 1980 to 2006, including 12 years as city planner; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Augusta County Historical Society, J. B. Yount produced several widely read historical books and biographies and produced a series on the history of the Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro; he possessed an extensive art collection and regularly attended meetings of the International Byron Society; and

WHEREAS, J. B. Yount was a devoted alumnus of Fishburne Military School throughout his life, serving as a longtime board member and 20-year president of the Fishburne-Hudgins Educational Foundation, which oversees the school; and

WHEREAS, J. B. Yount also worked to strengthen and enhance the community as a member of many civic and service organizations, including the Waynesboro NAACP, and he was named a Paul Harris Fellow for his distinguished service to Rotary International; and

WHEREAS, a man who lived his faith through his actions, J. B. Yount enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a devout member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder; and

WHEREAS, J. B. Yount will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Joseph Byron Yount III, a public servant and community leader in the City of Waynesboro; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the staff and cadets of Fishburne Military School as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for the memory of Joseph Byron Yount III.

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